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A Friend Before a Teacher

by Mary Beth Hower

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Henry Brooks Adams described a teacher as someone who “affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” These words hold true for **Dr. June Eby Herr ’34, H’97**, associate professor *emerita* of education, whose career at LVC has become a legacy for decades of the College’s education students.

Were it not for Herr’s encouragement and guidance, **June Collier Beyer ’80** knows she would not have become an educator. As a first-year student, Beyer chose to study environmental science, a major that quickly proved to be too intense. A second-semester switch to economics, which came at the recommendation of Beyer’s sister, seemed like a smart move since women were emerging more strongly onto the business scene. Still, Beyer wasn’t convinced she had found her niche. It was at the urging of a friend, who just happened to be an elementary education major, that Beyer discussed her career goals with Herr. As a result of their conversation, Herr agreed to let Beyer test the waters by taking Social Foundations of Education, a course usually reserved for education majors. One class and Beyer knew she had finally found her focus. However, she still had to face the challenge of convincing her family. There was no shortage of teachers in the late 1970s, and her family was concerned about her future career plans. Again, Herr was there to help. Beyer recalls the summer between her sophomore and junior year when Herr, while vacationing at

nearby Cape May, N. J., stopped by the family home in Wildwood Crest to tell Beyer’s mother what a wonderful job her daughter was doing as an elementary education major.

“June was very encouraging,” recalled Beyer. “She built confidence in each of us. Each of her students brought special gifts, and she was very good at finding that unique talent. You couldn’t help but excel and be successful.”

Beyer explained that Herr always took the time to write personal notes on each student’s assignments, and still remembers one such message. “She wrote, ‘Your enthusiasm is contagious’ in beautiful, perfect handwriting.”

Now with two children of her own in college and a third not much farther behind, Beyer understands even more just how important Herr’s guidance was in her life. “I see my teenagers now — so young and just starting out. It meant so much to have a mentor like June, someone so dedicated. I hope my children will have someone like that.”

The fact that **John Onofrey ’64** arrived on the LVC campus as a part-time, 26-year-old transfer student who was originally on the path to the priesthood, made no difference to Herr. Maybe it was the educator’s own experience as a student at LVC — the fact that she spent her first two years at West Chester University and, after coming to Lebanon Valley, switched majors from music to education — that helped her relate well to Onofrey.



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"The fact that I was not a traditional student didn't matter to Mrs. Herr. She accepted you for what you were, encouraged you to work hard, and gave to everyone a unique and lasting love of teaching," Onofrey said.

"She was demanding of students in the very best sense of the word. She wanted us to care deeply about our students and the preparation that went into all of our classes," he recalled,



"to be creative — not just regurgitate lessons in books, but to add our own special dimension, and touch our students in that way." In order to accomplish this, Onofrey explained that Herr had students compile a poetry file that they could use in their classroom, as well as a book file on children's authors, an interest he has held to this day.

Onofrey described both Herr and **Dr. Cloyd Ebersole**, late professor *emeritus* of education, as individuals who "left an incredible, indelible impression on me." The two educators also had a great amount of confidence in Onofrey, and in turn submitted his name for a competition in the master's degree in education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. As a result, Onofrey was awarded a fellowship in

1966. "I never would have had this opportunity if not for the courses I had at LVC," he said. "The background I received was marvelous. It affected my entire life."

Onofrey spent a number of years teaching before becoming principal at Cornwall Elementary School in Pennsylvania, then settling into a position in the educational publishing industry from 1970-92. One of his most memorable assignments came during a year when Herr was on sabbatical and he was asked to lead her reading course. "It was very humbling to be standing in for her." According to Onofrey, Herr often encouraged former students to participate in her classroom. "Every year before Alumni Weekend she would send us a letter telling us about the department. She would say how delighted she would be for us to return, share our views and talk about careers in education with current students. She was marvelously supportive in that way."

For **Mary D'Anna Thomas '68**, Herr epitomized the family atmosphere that made LVC so appealing. She also credits Herr and Ebersole with creating a marvelous curriculum. "After graduation, I looked at my peers and realized that LVC gave a superior program. No one had a better education or preparation than I did, and I'm thankful for that."

Even after decades of forming her own theories about teaching, Herr's philosophy has stuck with Thomas. "She told us teaching is difficult. There will be days when you will want to quit. Take every day as a totally new day, no matter what happened the day before. Give yourself a fresh chance and give your students a fresh chance," Thomas recalled. "As a teacher, I've found that's really the only way to look at things."

It wasn't only students who felt Herr's dedication to teaching, but her own family as well. As an elementary education major, granddaughter **Elizabeth Myers Moyer '82** had many opportunities to view her grandmother both inside and outside of the classroom, and said it was plain to see that "her whole life revolved around LVC and her work there."

Over 10 years ago, Herr's daughter, **Carol Sponaule**, and son, **H. Lee Moyer '62**, formed a scholarship in their mother's name. Supported by gifts from former students, friends and family members, the fund has grown over the years and has provided financial support to more than 35 education majors. For Herr's children, the gift seemed to be the perfect way to honor their mother. "What better place is there to put money than into the school and the students?" asked Sponaule.

Dr. Michael Grella, who retired from the College in 2001 after some 20 years as chair of the Education Department, remembers Herr as a mentor. "She was an indefatigable, dauntless worker. Nothing was ever too difficult for her," Grella said.

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"She had a better knowledge of students than anyone I knew at the College." He still marvels over the effort she put into keeping in contact with former students. In addition to the departmental newsletter, she kept an index file of all graduates. "It was an incredible thing — addresses, phone numbers, information on if they were married, had children, moved. I remember asking her how she did it. She just simply said that she reviewed her cards every year," he said. "She kept an amazing kind of contact with her students."

Despite her petite stature, Herr also maintained a strong presence in the classroom. "She put together theory and practice very well," Grella said. "Students respected her for what she knew, but she was also very open to them. They sensed that and responded favorably." He went on to explain that students felt very comfortable talking with her. "She was there to help, not to let people off the hook, but to sit down and talk about how to accomplish what they needed to under the circumstances."

Herr was also tireless when it came to pursuing her own personal and professional development. She holds a master's degree in teaching the gifted from Penn State University. From 1951-78, she served the Pennsylvania Association for the Study and Education of the Mentally Gifted, holding numerous leadership positions from member of the board to president. Many other organizations benefited from her expertise, including the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the International Reading Association and the Association of Childhood Education International. In addition, she shared her teaching skills and musical talents with the Palmyra First United Methodist Church, and served the College as co-president of both the Lebanon Valley College Dames and the Auxiliary. In 1997, the College recognized her dedication by granting her the prestigious honorary doctorate in humane letters.

Herr is quick to credit others for her success — colleagues, former professors and friends, such as **Drs. Edna '59, H'85 and Clark Carmean 'H85**; and the students who have given back to her all these years, making the journey all the more worthwhile. She still has every letter students ever wrote to her, tied in bundles according to the year the letter arrived. The communication has been vital to Herr, as is clear from her ever-growing Christmas card list. "I suggested she use a form letter, but she wouldn't hear of it," said Sponaugle, who has helped her 89-year-old mother organize the mailing for the past five or six years.

When Henry Brooks Adams spoke of teachers, he must have had someone like Herr in mind. With several hundred



Christmas cards sent out last year, each bearing a personal note from Herr, it's no wonder this teacher's realm of influence seems to have no end.

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Digital Communications

thinking out- side the box

by Lori Myers



no one can deny that the world's technological landscape is rapidly changing and growing more sophisticated. With the popularity of the Internet and fierce competition in a global economy, it is no longer enough to know only the basics, such as how to send an e-mail attachment or set up a spreadsheet.

In October 2000, Lebanon Valley College recognized that fact when it proposed the Digital Communications Program — a curriculum of computer-related courses and projects adding up to 50 credit hours and leading to a bachelor of science degree. Beginning this semester, the program exposes students to the fundamental principles of emerging digital information technologies and emphasizes critical thinking, creativity and analysis, rather than specific applications and technologies. After graduation, a student with a firm foundation in the program's elements will find it easier to evolve with an ever-changing technology and be more comfortable interfacing within the industry.

Joel Kline '89, assistant professor of business administration and acting director of the program, stated that this new curriculum, by being interdisciplinary and integrative, incorporates LVC's liberal arts tradition. "It is a good fit for our institution and our faculty," explained Kline, who has owned a technology firm since 1994. "We have taken the liberal arts model and applied it to technology."

Dr. Stephen MacDonald, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, agreed that the new program adheres firmly to LVC's commitment to the liberal arts. "The driving force is not technology per se," he said. "We don't seek to produce technicians. We want students to analyze the world and communicate about the world."

The idea for the Digital Communications Program came about during a lunchtime conversation between Dr. Owen Moe, professor of chemistry, and Barry R. Hill, associate professor of music and director of the Music Recording Technology Program, when both realized that some type of technological offering was needed at the College. "I wrote this up in 1998 and thought about it for a couple of years," Hill recalled. "We were both thinking of something like this. The original thought was that when people get out of school, what kind of position do they get? This is the ultimate liberal



Joel Kline '89 (above, standing), acting director of the Digital Communications Program, instructs business students in the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library.



Marie Bongiovanni (second from left), associate professor and chair of the English Department, expects the new major to receive a lot of attention.

Karen Hendricks '02 (facing page) works on an art project in Fencil Studio.

arts degree program because you learn a little bit about a lot of things. The idea is to break the boundaries."

Web-based technologies, explained Hill, are a different medium that has opened up new opportunities and has

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altered the way we create and disseminate information. Why not have LVC be at the forefront of that new and exciting frontier by giving students the tools and the language to interact with the various professionals who design, write and conduct business using digital technology? "They are all different ways of getting your message out there," Hill said. "Technology is the instigator of the change, but it is not the main focus."

According to Kline, the idea was enthusiastically received and voted on by the faculty. "It passed pretty handily," he noted.

The program combines art, written communication, computer science and business administration. Each student will select one department as a concentration area. The core courses, together with those in the concentration area, will provide broad exposure to the principles of emerging digital information technologies and explain how they apply to the creation, storage, analysis, processing and delivery of information.

Starting with the Introduction to Digital Communications course, students get an overview of the curriculum that combines writing, designing presentations, storing, processing and distributing information. The course will also touch

on the legal, ethical and business concerns of information management.

"We need people to understand the media," said **Dr. Mike Fry**, chair and professor of the Mathematical Sciences Department. "The world is more dependent on the types of communication that need technological support. I also think we are going to have to learn to be better at communicating ideas and not just focus on entertainment and marketing with this electronic media."

Fry is spearheading the computer science cognate or area of concentration in the program. Art, business or English are the other three cognates from which students can choose their area of concentration. The technical sequence of the program is made up of two courses. Introduction to Programming explores the fundamentals of programming as they essentially apply to all languages and focuses on the correct design and implementation of small-scale algorithms, but introduces large-scale design techniques. The second course, Networking and Databases, examines the fundamentals of database theory, data organization, and the insertion and extraction of data from a database. The networking section of the course will introduce the fundamentals and applications of net-

working. Students study and write programs that access data in databases, deliver that data, and then process and display the content to front ends such as web pages.

"There are students who have taken computer science who would have liked to have had a major like this," Fry remarked. "The LVC graduate who majors in digital communications will be easier to train on the job."

The other courses are equally intriguing and hone the skills of students who wish to actively participate in the Web's exciting future.

The Art Department courses in the digital design sequence are divided into Design I and II and teach students still-image creation and interactive media. Participants will develop CD-ROMS, web pages and other multimedia applications.

Writing for Digital Media I and II focuses on developing writing skills that can present, describe, summarize and explain information. Students will find out how news, information, advertising and entertainment content is gathered and disseminated via digital media, and then design and develop their own digital media projects. The focus is not only on the Web, but on developing those writing skills and processes neces-



Prof. Barry Hill (left), director of the Music Recording Technology Program, along with Dr. Owen Moe (not pictured), Vernon and Doris Bishop Professor of Chemistry, developed the original idea for the Digital Communications Program during a lunchtime conversation.

sary for designing and developing digital media, which includes, but is not limited to, the Internet. Digital media presents opportunities and problems that the more traditional media do not. The focus of this class is to explore these differences and account for them in the design and development process.

The Business of Information I and II courses emphasize how business is conducted on the Internet and how the use of Internet technology impacts the internal workings of businesses. These courses will help students understand how technology is utilized within and between companies to improve customer relationships, marketing, operations and communication.

Additional required courses include Information Law and Ethics, which explores the legal and ethical issues of technology, and The Science of Information, which examines how humans consume and process information they see and read on the new media.

Students choose three additional courses in their cognate area in consultation with their advisers. Finally, seniors will participate in the Project Management Seminar along with the capstone project. They will study team management, working with deadlines, setting goals

and allocating responsibility while developing a product to serve academic, industrial, civic or governmental clients. To complete the program, seniors will write a final report and make a public presentation.

Hill said that the core courses along with the senior-year project mirror the real world that students will face after graduation. "In business, people work in teams and groups. You have to interface with content experts, marketing people, etc. They will be conversing with people in different areas who speak different languages."

Kline agreed, saying "students can manage and adapt to the changes going on in technology more than someone who is in a trade school. We expect 20 to 25 students per year to major in this program," he added.

Marie Bongiovanni, associate professor and chair of the English Department, said that she expects the digital communications major to receive a lot of attention. "More and more students are interested in how to design Web pages and how to create content for new media."

As with any new program of this type, there are challenges such as curriculum, required equipment, budgets,

staff and resources that may be needed in the future. Kline said an evaluation would be completed after the program is up and running, but he expects to be flexible in terms of the program's growth. "We would be open to more cognates," he said. "It is organic. We will see how it fits with the College and the industry."

But Kline sees only positives coming out of the digital communications course of study. "I am really excited about the program and excited that it is using the liberal arts model. It will promote critical thinking skills, communication skills and a fundamental knowledge of technology. These are things that are missing in the industry."

MacDonald is also delighted that LVC has initiated this very innovative program. "It will attract students that otherwise would not be coming here and attract the attention of students already here."

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Classroom Lessons

by Lisa M. Christopher

President Bush's *No-Child-Left-Behind* initiative redefines the federal role in K-12 education. The new law mandates alternative teaching methods for students and serious consequences for failing schools. Individual states set academic standards, according to the law, and local school districts select curricula and set policies.

This topic set the tone as four educators from various walks of academic life gathered recently at Lebanon Valley College's Kreiderheim to discuss the far-reaching effects of various legislative acts and their broader implications for all levels of education.

Participants included: **Karen Albert '88**, a seventh-grade life science teacher at York Suburban School District; **Dr. Donald Kline '66**, LVC professor of education; **Jill Hamilton Lutz '92**, a first-grade teacher in Lancaster County's Cocalico School District; and **Dr. Marsha Zehner '73**, superintendent of the Annville-Cleona School District. **Dr. Susan L. Atkinson**, professor and chair of the LVC Education Department, moderated the discussion. Links to various web pages are provided at the end of this piece for those seeking further information on the issues. The descriptive information that precedes each topic is cited from the respective web site associated with the topic.

Moderator: What is your perspective on President Bush's *No Child Left Behind* initiative? [*No Child Left Behind Act of 2001: Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Legislation and Policies*. On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. The Act is the most sweeping reform of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) since ESEA was enacted in 1965.]

Zehner: Under the *No-Child-Left-Behind* law, we will be doing frequent assessments. There is no longer the excuse that because a child has a poor background, we should not expect positive learning results. I see it as an enormous opportunity to really ensure that all students get a fair and equitable chance at a good instructional program. The initiative is one that is going to require a lot of work.

Lutz: Accountability keeps coming up over and over again. Teachers will be held accountable for students' progress. Traditionally in teaching, teachers gave students an assessment — a test at the end of a unit — and the student got an A, or a B, or a D, and the teacher moved onto the next unit.

But now, when a child receives an unsatisfactory score on an assessment, the teacher re-teaches using alternative methods and keeps working on that skill until the child reaches a satisfactory level.

Albert: Assessment used to be a test or a quiz, but now the assessment occurs throughout the unit. There are all kinds of alternative assessments.

However, since I've gone from teaching elementary- to secondary-level education, the biggest problem I see with a lot of secondary-education teachers is that they aren't trained in a lot of methods courses. I think that is hurting many middle school and high school teachers because they can't deliver some of the things that *No Child Left Behind* is asking them to do. They are good people, but no one's ever given them these strategies, and all of a sudden they are supposed to be implementing them in the classroom.

Moderator: Is it possible that *No Child Left Behind* is just another swing in the education pendulum, a panacea that is supposed to cure all of education's ills?

Kline: I've been teaching for a long time, and I remember the old days when ideas came and went. One year, we'd write our curriculum one way. The next year, we'd write it a different way. It got to be sort of like the boy calling "wolf" all the time. People grabbed ideas and ran with them only to find out they didn't work.

Zehner: We didn't have a body of research in the field of teaching until the early 1970s. A lot of methods employed earlier were "touchy, feely" — I think this program is working." They weren't research based.

Now we have quite a few studies that tell us the best way to approach instruction. We have the tools all good teachers should employ and I believe *No Child Left Behind* is here to stay. For the first time, I have seen a concerted effort from the federal level to the state level to the districts. Folks, we better get on the bandwagon. As we look across the country and see the number of students who can't read, who can't write — especially in inner-city schools — we're in big trouble. That's why we see the federal government suddenly understanding that education is our future as a country.

Moderator: Do you feel it's a good idea to have inclusive classrooms? [Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) — Inclusion of Students with Exceptionalities. The 1997 amendments to IDEA placed renewed emphasis on educating students with disabilities in less restrictive environments. In particular, the law encourages opportunities for children with disabilities to participate in general education settings and in the general education curriculum.]

Zehner: All students should be stretched and given the opportunity to learn to the best of their potential. But, in some cases, placing renewed emphasis on educating students with disabilities in less restrictive environments has

gone too far; for example, the 1997 amendments to IDEA place expectations that require teachers to be superhuman. I think they are already superhuman.

Lutz: It's politically incorrect, but teachers say it privately to each other, that there are situations in which it is not a good idea to have certain students included in the classroom. But, because a judge has said so, you have no choice.

If you have a child with severe disabilities making noises or acting in a disruptive manner, it is hard to teach. It's hard for children ages 6, 7 or 8 to concentrate. If a child with disabilities is thrashing his or her arms or making noises because he or she is not able to speak, it can be frightening to a young child. Many adults have difficulty working with students with severe disabilities. But a judge has decided that child belongs in a classroom. The judge has not taken into account the 25 other students and how it impacts their ability to learn. I think it will be interesting 15 or 20 years down the road, when today's students are adults, to see what impact it has had on them to have been alongside children with severe disabilities.

Moderator: Do you think it was a good idea for school districts to control special education services?

Zehner: I'm going to put my superintendent's cap on and talk about cost. For students with orthopedic impairments or students with emotional disturbances, it makes sense for a group of school districts to join together and provide the services and personnel the students need to be successful. It is cost effective too.

But I also think it was a good idea when we started taking back our students with learning disabilities — kids who might have a bit of a problem in math or reading. Taking these classes back, making these students feel connected to their home schools made a difference. They did better academically and our expectations for them went up as well. So, I think students with mild disabilities should go back to the school district.



Moderator: Do you think it is a good idea for the state to require training for teachers to help them adapt to a more inclusive classroom?

Zehner: Special education has such a unique vocabulary and there are so many legal requirements. What is a learning disability? What does it mean to be emotionally disturbed? What kind of things can a teacher expect when those children arrive at their doorstep? I think it is a disservice for any teacher not to have that basic understanding before a child walks through the door. There are legal implications that can get teachers into lawsuits. I feel strongly that it should be a critical part of a teacher's training.

Moderator: What is your perspective on Writing Across the Curriculum? [The philosophy of Writing Across the Curriculum as a teaching methodology can be summed up in the phrase "student involvement." Created to reinforce writing skills in classes outside of English composition, this academic movement engages students directly in the subject matter of the course through a variety of activities that focus on writing as a means of learning.]

Albert: It is an important part of your overall curriculum. My students will

write for me in science journals and lab reports. In English, they are writing narratives. In math, they are explaining a geometry or algebraic procedure to describe how they arrive at an answer. In history, they relate to how the past is connected to the present. So, they are writing in all areas to express themselves. It involves higher levels of thinking to explain what they are doing in writing. That's important because that's the way they can show their thought processes and be able to use those higher-level thinking skills that connect oral and written language. Plus, it teaches them cooperation. They see how other students arrive at different answers. It is not that their answer is wrong. It's just that their answer is different and they have to be able to back it up accurately.

Lutz: Writing Across the Curriculum really helps students think about why they chose their answer because they have to back up their reasoning.

The way of the world today is that job demands keep changing. So, we are teaching kids to be problem solvers. That's the most important skill we can give them because we don't know what the future holds.

Zehner: Students need to communicate effectively. It can be orally. It can be the written word or with technology. It's

important we don't pigeonhole kids so that they always have a variety of options.

Moderator: Has the use of technology enhanced student learning? [The rapid evolution of technology has changed teaching and learning inside and out of the classroom over the past several decades. Computers now fit in your hand and technology options are endless and often expensive. For every change implemented in the classroom, technology is two steps ahead. Here, the participants discussed appropriate technologies and other modern factors affecting the classroom.]

Kline: Technology, if used correctly, can enhance learning. Technology used for the sake of using technology can detract. Technology used in a district where teachers are not prepared to use it may do more damage than good.

Moderator: We have to remember that technology is not just a computer, but it is anything that's going to make the job of teaching easier.

Lutz: We don't have to teach kids what a keyboard or a mouse is. They know all that. I think the biggest dilemma we're facing is getting teachers to understand that the computer is a tool to enhance education. It's not to be taught in isolation. It's not a substitute for books.



Albert: The problem I see is that students today use the computer as a crutch. I have to force my students to find hard book resources for reports in addition to the Internet. Students think that if it is on the computer, it's the law. They don't understand that Joe Schmoe can create a web site on the West Nile virus and it can be totally incorrect. The Internet has to be used in the correct way for it to be effective.

Kline: Another aspect to think about is the logistics of introducing computers into classroom use. It can be a slow process. Anyone who thinks he can go into a school district and turn it into a technology district overnight, well, it's not going to happen. It takes hours of sitting in front of that machine, learning how to use programs, planning the lessons and doing all the things that need to be done. It's not a time-saver.

Zehner: You have to be careful in the way that you employ technology. People who develop online courses will tell you that it takes a tremendous effort to do so.

Lutz: You also need the technical support — people to help keep the computers running the way that they should.

Zehner: Nothing would be worse than a teacher planning to do a lesson and having five students say, "My computer

doesn't work." You don't just take the computer out of the box and plug it in. You have to think about all those internal systems.

Moderator: Technology is expensive. The actual cost is elusive. Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Kline: There is a tremendous hidden cost to computer technology — printer cartridges, cables, paper, monitors and the cost of replacing computers that quickly become obsolete. When I started teaching, there was a 20-year turnaround time for overhead projectors — which was about the highest level of technology we had at the time. Now, we have a two- or three-year turnaround time on some computers.

Moderator: What about distance learning? Will the novelty wear off or is it the wave of the future?

Zehner: It has its place. "Virditional," a combination of virtual and traditional classroom lessons, is popular with students. They like the freedom of 24/7 to work on a project. But they like the contact with the teacher, too.

Teachers also like the contact with the student whether by e-mail, telephone or by a student dropping into their classroom. "Virditional" seems to work.

Albert: Plus, there are different learning styles. Some people learn by hands-on experience while others learn visually. Some people can learn a lot just from a straight lecture. I use virtual online dissections so students can get the experience. That's where technology can be an asset. If it is used in the right way, it can meet the needs of all the different learning styles.

For more information on these and other educational topics, please visit the following web sites: No Child Left Behind: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/>; Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA): <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs99/condition99/indicator-20.html>; and, Writing Across the Curriculum: www.marshall.edu/wac/info.htm or http://law.colostate.edu/resource_list.htm.

Editor's note: In the spring issue Dr. Cheryl George, LVC assistant professor of education, will provide an alternative perspective on the inclusion of students with special needs in the classroom.

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Inspiring Literacy by Heather Robino

"Our children are our Commonwealth's most precious resources. Their eyes will, with our help, see the wonders of our world, and help us to discover an incredible future filled with promise, enlightenment and limitless opportunity." So declares the Governor's Office commendation extended to the Red Lion AARP for its "Reading Is The Key" volunteer tutoring program, which originator **Raymond Smith '39** hopes will teach youngsters what their elders already know: "If you can learn to read, the doors to the world will open for you."

An avid reader and former tutor with the York County Literacy Program, Smith, 84, was inspired four years ago to organize a tutoring program that would pair senior citizens with students at one local elementary school. The fledgling program quickly took root, expanding to all eight elementary schools in the Red Lion Area School District. Smith recruits at AARP meetings, senior centers and churches, and has assembled a corps of 90 senior volunteers who commit to working at least one hour a week with students in kindergarten through fourth grade — although, he proudly stated, the seniors love it so much that most of them give even more of their time.

"They feel like they are doing something important; they have a reason to get up in the morning," he explained. "They are not just sitting around playing bridge. They look forward to tutoring and want to help that child. And when you're with children of that age, you can't help but feel younger."

In his younger days, Smith spent 40 years practicing law, primarily as a defense attorney. In 1965, he spent a year volunteering for the Civil Rights Commission in Mississippi, representing minorities in their battles for equality. Now Smith is dedicated to helping children overcome their own individual challenges. What keeps him motivated is the belief that if every senior citizen became a volunteer tutor, "we could change the quality of reading and life in this country."

"One of the great problems in education is that elementary classrooms have 20 to 25 students," he stated. "A teacher can be excellent, but there are some children who need one-on-one attention, which a teacher has trouble giving on a regular basis. That is where our tutors fit in and are really important. I tell them, 'you don't need a background in education, you just need to love children. They feel that attention, they feel that love.'"

Heather Robino is a Downingtown-based freelance writer.

Friends of the Valley

Crista Ann Bernat, assistant director of LVC's Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery, and Christopher Detweiler were married on June 8, 2002.

Pre-'30s

Kathryn Nisley Herr '25 is the last surviving member of the class of 1925.

'30s

Luella Heilman Myers '33 is in good health and active in her retirement home and her local church in Concord, N.H.

Esther Smelser Duke '34 volunteers at her church and the Providence Eldercare Service Group in Portland, Ore.

'40s

Dr. Dorothy Landis Gray '44 is a board member of the Sarasota (Fla.) Opera Guild, serving as chair of the education committee. During the summer and fall months, Dorothy can be found playing the piano at the Allen Theatre and MJ's Coffeehouse in Annville.

In December 2001, **Dr. Bruce C. Souder '44** was honored for his volunteer service in fundraising by Shenandoah University. He co-chairs the Evangelical United Brethren Archives Endowment Committee and organizes material for the archives.

Dr. Miles D. Harriger '47 is playing golf and traveling now that he is retired from his medical practice.

Dr. Harry H. Hoffman '48 recently retired after 48 years as a family physician. Harry was known for making house calls and spending time with his patients for however long they needed him.

Bob's BANDits, directed by **Robert P. McCoy '49**, presented an annual winter concert for family and friends in Moorestown, N.J. Organized in 1991, the original 12-member band has grown to around 65 members ranging in age from 16 to 80+.

'50s

Edgar O. Beck '50 has owned and operated the Beck Funeral Home in New Holland for the past 50 years and is now semi-retired.

Jack Snavelly '50 lives on the beach in Ft. Myers, Fla., and still performs on the clarinet and saxophone professionally. Jack enjoys traveling and, this past year, he took getaway trips to Ireland and Russia.

Retired hematologist and internist **Dr. John C. Hoak '51** was in academic medicine for 30 years. He was the director of hematology-oncology at the University of Iowa School of Medicine and, before retiring in 1994, he spent five years as the director of the Division of Blood Diseases and Resources of the National Heart, Lung and Blood

Institutes at the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. James S. Pacy '52 co-authored *Diplomats Without a Country: Baltic Diplomacy, International Law, and the Cold War*, published by Greenwood Press.

Thomas H. Israel '53 keeps busy as a substitute organist in various Lebanon-area churches.

Judge John A. Walter '53 received the Award of Merit during the Shrine's 127th Imperial Council Session in Las Vegas, Nev. The recognition acknowledged that he "had significant accomplishments and made selfless contributions to the Shrine and Shriner Hospitals."

In his 38th year of practice and still making house calls, **Dr. Lenwood B. Wert '55** was named 2001 Family Practitioner of the Year by the Pennsylvania chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Practitioners.

Dr. David Willoughby '55 retired in June 2002 as minister of music and director of the adult and bell choirs at Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. McGraw-Hill released the fifth edition of his book, *The World of Music*, this past summer. David is also the editor of the College Music Society newsletter.

Mildred Osinski Teitelman '56 is a social worker with the Samaritan Hospice in Marlton, N.J.

After 42 years, **Hazel A. Davis '57** retired from teaching elementary instrumental music in the Penns Grove-Carneys Point (N.J.) School District.

Carol Mark Wagner '58 and Larry H. Killian were married on October 20, 2001, in Bradford.

'60s

After retiring in 2000, **Dr. Charles L. Arnett '61** returned to full-time medical mission work in Nigeria.

William B. Hawk '61 owns The Hawk Gallery in Harrisburg. He is a member of the board of Gaudenzia, an organization that focuses on drug and alcohol counseling. Bill is also executive director of the Dauphin County General Authority, chair of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors, chair of the Lower Paxton Republican Committee and a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.



50th Reunion for Sweet Sixteen Squad

They were known as the "seven dwarfs" 50 years ago when they reached the NCAA basketball tournament "Sweet 16." No player on the 1952-53 team stood taller than 6-1. Nonetheless, the seven dwarfs — and some equally small substitutes — raced to a 20-3 record behind a fast-breaking offense and a defense none of their opponents had ever seen — the match-up zone.

The result was a stunning upset in Philadelphia's Palestra Arena. Lebanon Valley, a school of fewer than 450 students at the time, beat Fordham 80-67 and advanced to the "Sweet 16" at Raleigh, N.C. There the dream came to an end. The Louisiana State University Tigers, led by 6-9 future NBA all-pro Bob Petit, beat the Flying Dutchmen, 89-76. Petit had 28 points for LSU. His Lebanon Valley counterpart, 6-1 **Leon Miller** answered with 26.

The Valley lost in the regional consolation game the next night to Wake Forest, ending the season at 20-3.

"It was the only ball club I ever saw," said **Dr. George "Rinso" Marquette '48**, coach of the Flying Dutchmen for that magic 1952-53 season, "that could run the three-man break with the ball never touching the floor before it went in the hoop."

The Cinderella season came at the start of a highly successful era of Lebanon Valley College men's basketball. The Valley went on to win four Middle Atlantic Conference crowns and ran off a 45-game home winning streak in Marquette's eight-year tenure.

The teams from that era were recently recognized during the Athletic Hall of Fame activities during Oktoberfest Weekend in October.

After relocating his art studio to Paducah, Ky., **Dr. William F. Renzulli '61** plans to devote all of his time and energy to his artwork.

Robert J. Brill '63, an entrepreneur in the agribusiness software industry, was named Milton Hershey School's 2002 Alumnus of the Year. Bob is president of Brilliant Alternatives, Inc., a global company. His wife, **Sylvia Laubach Brill '65**, is owner of Lively House Antiques and Art. They live in Norcross, Ga.

Dr. George R. Plitnik '63 received the award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity from the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. George, a physics professor at Frostburg University,

received the honor for his research on musical instruments.

Olive Binner Stoops '63 retired after 34 years of teaching, 29 of which were with the West Perry School District.

Loretta Schlegel Rittle '64 retired in April 2002. She developed the family-based program for Cambria County Mental Health/Mental Retardation. In 1993, Loretta was one of the original project directors for the program in Pennsylvania. Her husband, **Dr. Robert H. Rittle '65**, retired from Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he taught psychology for 30 years.

Note: All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.



Civil War Tour September 15-18, 2000

This trip to the Virginia Battlefields, which included alumni from Lebanon Valley, Elizabethtown and York Colleges, was such a success it is being repeated in April. See page 17 for more details.

Representing Lebanon Valley College were: Patricia Bell Benfer '58, Elizabeth "Libby" Speicher Glick '58, Agnes Bering, Joseph Bering '52, JoLynn Brummer, Kate Gerber, Jack J. Bryson '51, Ruth Shumate Bryson '52, Kathryn S. Dillon, Ricky J. Dillon '98, Marie Meyer Goeke '68, Lois Horn, Doris Paine, R. Howard Paine '43, Jeff Richard, Sheri Strickler Richard '99 and Deborah B. Wescott '95.

In June 2002, **Alan S. Donaldson '67** retired after almost 36 years of teaching elementary school in the Rose Tree Media School District in Media.

Robert J. Martalus '67 is a corporate training consultant with Dale Carnegie Training of Central New Jersey.

Janice Koehler Richardson '68 is chair-elect of the Texas Library Association, the largest state library association in the country, with approximately 4,000 members.

J. Dean Burkholder '69 is president of Human Services Planning Systems Inc. in Lancaster. Dean spoke about outcome results at the National Conference of Community Action Agencies in Kansas City.

The **Rev. Dennis R. Snovel '69** is the pastor of Hopeland United Methodist Church in northern Lancaster County.

Dr. Larry R. Taylor '69 is the senior product manager for the Informatics Division of Bio-Rad Laboratories of Philadelphia. Larry is responsible for extending the current product line and developing new products, as well as being the AIM consortium director.

Barbara Turkington Whitney '69 is a senior program development specialist for the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Jan Helmut Wubbena '69, professor of music, received the Faculty Excellence Award for 2002 from John Brown University in Arkansas.

'70s

Robin A. Kornmeyer '70 is corporate controller for Corn Products International, Inc., in Bedford Park, Ill.

Joel S. Riedel '70 is associate superintendent of Dover Area School District.

Beverly Houser Roche '70 is division manager for EmployBridge Search Group located in Atlanta, Ga.

The **Rev. L. Fitzgerald Reist II '70** is the Williamsport district superintendent of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Henry D. Schreiber '70, professor and head of the chemistry department at Virginia Military Institute, received a 2002 Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia.

Dr. Priscilla Roth Cowan '71 is a clinical psychology fellow at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

Jeffrey J. Stock '71 is controller of Briefly Stated Inc. in New York City.

David O. Wilbur '71 is a research scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Dr. Ross W. Ellison '72 developed a music program for the department of child psychology at the Pennsylvania State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He also served on the planning committee for the 2002 national convention of the American Guild of Organists.

William M. Jones '72 has written a third novel, titled *Murder by Memory*. Published by 1st Books Library, it can be found online at www.1stbooks.com.

Allison C. Smith '72 teaches seventh- and eighth-grade music at Boyertown Junior High School West.

Charles G. Zerbe '72 founded a quality assurance consulting company based in Lewisburg that specializes in the food industry.

Patrick B. Campbell '73 is manager of operations for Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Kansas City, Mo.

Judith VanderVeur Davis '73 is co-pastor of the York Foursquare Church in West York.

The Kentucky Music Educators Association named **Dr. Greg J. Detweiler '73** the 2002 College/University Teacher of the Year. Greg is the director of choral activities at Morehead State University.

Vocal music teacher **Jean Redding Cunningham '74** attended the 2001 Pennsylvania Governor's Institute for Arts Educators held at Gannon University in Erie. Jean, a K-8 teacher at St. Anne School in Bethlehem, attended the week-long event by means of a full scholarship.

Jane Garlock Neill-Hancock '74 is a computer support consultant for Tecordia Technologies in Piscataway, N.J.

As part of her executive coaching and development work, **Dr. Melanie A. Wilson '74** recently traveled to France and Germany, as well as London, New York and Miami, to consult with business executives.

Calling all Civil War Buffs!

Tour the Virginia Peninsula April 7-9

Louis J. Fuller '76 is the associate director of the teacher preparation program at the Camden campus of Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Marian Melenchick Rhoads '76 is the director of pharmacy at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading.

Rachel, the oldest daughter of **Michelle Rhen Allen '77**, is a first-year student at LVC majoring in allied health.

Terry J. Bone '77 lives in Norway where he is the music director at Moss Bihlecenter. He is also the Powell flute representative for Norway and all of Scandinavia. Terry still writes, performs, guest conducts, and holds worship seminars throughout Europe.

Joanne R. Boyer '77 is a nurse anesthetist for Huntingdon Valley Anesthesia.

Author **Robert S. Frey '77** had his seventh book, *Successful Proposal Strategies for Small Businesses (Third Edition)*, published in March 2002 by Artech House in Boston and London. That same month Cooper Square Press in New York published *The Silent and the Damned: The Murder of Mary Phagan and the Lynching of Leo Frank*, which he co-authored. Robert has also written an article, titled "Small Business Knowledge Management Success Story — This Stuff Really Works!," which will be published in *Knowledge and Process Management: The Journal for Corporate Transformation*, by the University of Toronto and John Wiley & Sons in the United Kingdom.

Daniel S. Sweigert '77 has been appointed to the senior advisory council of Lancaster Farmland Trust.

The **Rev. Linda Staples Alvis '78** is the new senior pastor at High Street United Methodist Church in Franklin, Va. Previously, Linda served as the United Methodist campus minister at Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College in central Virginia.

ALZA Corporation has promoted **Dr. Susan A. Engle '78** to vice president of quality assurance at their facility in Vacaville, Calif.

Jack L. Hobaugh Jr. '78 is senior engineer with Level 3 Communications in Broomfield, Colo.

Russell P. Labe '78 was a member of the Merrill Lynch team that won the 2001 Franz Edelman Award for Management Sciences Achievement, given by the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS).

Join alumni from Lebanon Valley and York Colleges as we visit Virginia and explore the history surrounding the Peninsula Campaign and the Battle of the Ironclads. Formed by the York and James Rivers, the Virginia Peninsula was recognized as an extremely strategic location by both the Union and Confederate governments and military leaders. Discover how in 1862 the Union Army planned its avenue of advancement toward the rebel capital of Richmond, and how Confederate General "Prince John" Magruder fortified against it. Learn about the "Battle of the Ironclads," the story of the famous encounter between the *U.S.S. Monitor* and the *C.S.S. Virginia* (better known as the *Merrimack*).

Monday

Visit the Endview Plantation Living History Museum, tour the Lee Hall Mansion and enjoy an evening of "dinnertainment" at the historic Boxwood Inn.

Tuesday

Accompanied by a Civil War guide, visit the Mariner's Museum, lunch at Magnolia House, take a Monitor-Merrimack Harbor Cruise and a trip to the Waterside Festival Marketplace.

Wednesday

Explore Fort Monroe and the Virginia War Museum before making the trip back to Pennsylvania.

Your package includes two-nights lodging, luggage handling, one dinner with entertainment, one lunch, two breakfasts, tax and tips, local guide service, admission fees to historic sites, round-trip motor coach transportation, and guide and driver gratuity.

For a detailed itinerary that includes prices, please call the Alumni Office at 1-800-ALUM-LVC or 717-867-6320, or e-mail dwescott@lvc.edu.

Final payment is due March 1.

Mercedith L. Young-Nero '78 is a practicing naturopath while pursuing a degree in acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

The **Rev. Truman T. Brooks '79**, senior pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Lansdale, is enrolled in a doctoral program at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, **Roseann McGarth Brooks '82**, is editor-in-chief of Unisys Corporation's *Exec*, a quarterly publication for managers.

Patricia Debuski Meister '79 is on the adjunct faculty at Delaware County Community College in Media.

In September 2000, the **Rev. Carrie Wardell Stine '79** welcomed a son, Luke Benjamin Judah. Carrie is the pastor of Ft. Washington Presbyterian Church in Allenwood.

'80s

John D. Boag Jr. '80 has been named master of the wheelwright shop at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.

Jimmie L. Poguc '80 is chief operating officer for AARP Insurance Division in Ft. Washington.

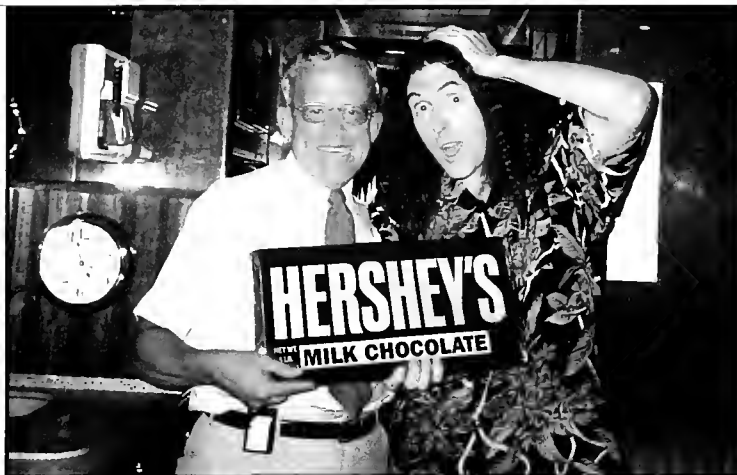
Todd M. Quinter '80 is in his 17th season with the Phoenix Suns and 11th as NBA Scout. He is a member of the governing board of the NBA Scouting and Technology Group.

Nancy Cowan Berlin '81 is the conference manager for FDAnews in Falls Church, Va.

Marcy J. Douglass '81 was granted a graduate assistantship in the counselor education doctoral program at The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and began full-time classes this fall. Her daughter,

Ariel Douglass-Devine '05, is in her second year at LVC and is majoring in psychology. Ariel will be studying in New Zealand during the spring 2003 semester.

Pamela Shadel Fischer '81 is the assistant vice president of public affairs for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park and an AAA-certified child passenger safety technician. Pamela chairs the AAA's national public service program — Seated, Safe & Secure — which aims to ensure that every child is properly restrained while riding in a motor vehicle.



Franklin R. Shearer '69 (left) and comedian Weird Al Yankovic have fun at Hersheypark.

Hersheypark Happy

by Lisa Landis '04

Hersheypark happy, Hersheypark glad. To many of the park's visitors, these words are just part of a catchy jingle, but to **Franklin R. Shearer '69**, they mean much more. Shearer's job, from which he retired in June 2002, put him in charge of the fun at Hersheypark. "Where else in the world can you have a job where the number-one objective is to put smiles on guests' faces?" he asked with, of course, a smile.

Shearer and his wife, **Lucille Koch Shearer '69**, grew up together in Berks County, and attended LVC together, following in the footsteps of Shearer's mother, **Helen Hain Shearer '30**, and their brothers the **Rev. Dr. Rodney H. Shearer '66** and **Robert F. Koch Jr. '64**. His education at LVC left him well prepared for his career, said Shearer, adding, "The fact that it was a liberal arts school helped broaden my perspectives and gave me differing points of view."

Hershey welcomed Shearer in 1980, though it wasn't until 1990 that he became general manager of Hersheypark. He served in that position until 2001, adding the title of senior vice president of the Hersheypark Group in 1998.

Fellow employees saw enthusiasm and intensity constantly radiating from Shearer. Under his direction, the park gained six new roller coasters, expanded its many off-season programs, initiated the "Comeback Guarantee" and began stationing greeters near the entrance gates. He preferred to "manage by wandering around," listening to and being accessible to visitors, picking up trash and even working at game stands. While he has ridden almost every ride in the park, Shearer's favorite is the Great Bear because of its intensity and speed. He took his first turn on that coaster with then Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker.

He advocated what T. Scott Gross calls P.O.S., or Positively Outrageous Service, "service so extraordinary, so spectacular, that customers are compelled to say, 'Wow!' and to tell the world." Hersheypark reaped the benefits of this approach during the 1990s, enjoying 10 years of record revenue and seven of record attendance. In November of 2000, Hersheypark received the Applause Award at the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions' convention, an honor held by only 10 parks worldwide. "When you have achieved that distinction, you have achieved something very significant," said Shearer. "Really, it's a tribute to all of the employees."

Shearer was also able to share life at Hersheypark with his family. Lucille, his wife of 32 years, was a park greeter; their son Michael, a recent Penn State graduate, works for Get The Picture, the company responsible for taking pictures of visitors on Hersheypark rides.

Despite being retired, Shearer, 55, remains busy with activities such as chairing the County of Lebanon Transit Authority and occasionally helping **Skip Hicks**, a former Hersheypark greeter himself, sell tickets at the Allen Theatre in Annville. He and Lucille also plan to travel and have already completed a month-long cross-country Amtrak rail trip. It is a well-earned reward for someone who stayed 12 years in a position where Shearer knows most people last an average of seven years.

"It was my life. I breathed it, slept it, I treated the park as if it were my very own," he said. "I enjoyed every minute of it."

Lisa Landis '04 is an English communications and political science major. She is the features editor for La Vie Collegienne and is interning at the Lebanon Daily News.

Steven R. Miller, Esq., '81 was recently appointed public services director and assistant professor of law at the Ohio Northern University of Law in Ada. Among his duties, Steven will be teaching advanced legal research and computers.

Elizabeth Knowles Sliwa '81 is a Spanish teacher at Pinelands Regional High School in Little Egg Harbor, N.J.

David F. Buffington '82 is a landscaper with the Hershey Gardens.

Kimberly Haunton McSweeney '82 teaches elementary general music in the Howard County Schools in Columbia, Md.

Alec Puketza '82 is the chief financial officer for China World Sector, Inc., with the International Churches of Christ.

The **Rev. Melanie Jones '83** is pastor of the Carlisle Church of the Brethren.

Ramona Keefer Harwick '83 is an RN supervisor for Healthskil in Allentown.

Marilyn Parker Lennox '83 is president of A Novel Approach, Inc., in Hershey.

On September 26, 2000, **Nick E. Magrowski '83** and his wife, Suzanne, welcomed second son Max Nikolaus into their family.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Riehl '83, associate professor of music at the University of Richmond in Virginia, is a founding member and artistic director of Voci, one of Richmond's newest chamber choirs.

Dr. David N. Blanch '84 is an associate professor of chemistry at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Louise Burchill-Mahoney '84 is an accountant for Evergreen Healthcare in Vancouver, Wash.

Dorothy Garling Plank '84 is volunteer director at the Joseph L. Morse Geriatric Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Tammy K. Rowe '84 received one of the three 2002 outstanding young alumnus awards given by Shippensburg University, where she received a master's degree in 1990.

In May 2002, **Michael G. Cobb '85** received a master's degree in counseling psychology from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass. He is a behavioral specialist/dropout prevention coordinator at Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Before moving to Florida, Michael was named a "hometown hero" by WBZ-TV in Massachusetts for his work at Gardner High School where he initiated Project Rebound, a school-to-work dropout prevention program for high-risk

students deemed likely to quit school. His wife, former LVC assistant dean of admission **Cathy Harkey Cobb**, is senior director of Interim Healthcare, Inc., in Sunrise, Fla.

Paul M. Gouza '85 was promoted to treasurer of Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc., a civil engineering firm in Newton. His wife, **Laurie Kamann Gouza '87**, is a basketball and soccer mom to their two daughters.

Mark L. Alexander '86 is an assistant state's attorney with the Allegheny County State Attorney's Office in Cumberland, Md.

On February 3, 2002, **James A. Bryant '86** and his wife, Pamela, welcomed twins Justin and Laria into their family.

Anne Wise Marsh '86 is a pharmaceutical sales specialist for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Wilmington, Del.

Daniel H. Rafferty '86 and his wife, **Jill Ross Rafferty '89**, welcomed third child Kelly Ann into their family.

Julie A. Sealander '86 and Arthur J. Higgs were married on July 22, 2000. Julie and Arthur welcomed daughter Elizabeth Rose into their family on October 21, 2001.

Lt. Michael P. Cackovic, M.D., '87 is an obstetrician/gynecologist with the United States Navy stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

In May 2002, **Marguerite M. Salam, M.D., '87** received a master's degree in health administration from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre.

Brian S. Salldin '87 is treasurer/controller at Rhoads Energy Corporation in Lancaster.

Amy Hannah Agree '88 is principal of William Dick Elementary School in the School District of Philadelphia.

Dr. Christian S. Hamann '88 is an assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Albright College in Reading. Christian is a member of Albright's resident piano quartet, The Cecilian Quartet.

Kristin Weible Heister '88 and her husband, **Ralph D. Heister III '90**, welcomed second daughter Susannah Julia into their family on April 5, 2002.

Dawna Didden Salldin-Boggs '88 is a third-grade teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina.

Michael D. Betz '89 is vice president of sales for Nextel Communications in State College.

Lac D. Longson '89 is an actuary with the Department of Labor and Industry in Harrisburg. In June 2002, Lac and his family returned to Vietnam for the first time since



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October 1980, when his family escaped from the country on a 45-foot boat, which they took across the Pacific Ocean.

Dr. Tracy S. Shank '89 is assistant superintendent in the South Eastern School District in Fawn Grove.

'90s

Richard L. Beard '90, M'92 and his wife, **Lisa Henry Beard '93**, welcomed daughter Emily Nicole into their family on June 2, 2002. Rick is director of the Arnold Sports Center and an assistant athletic director at LVC.

On November 17, 2001, **Jill Morrett Boston '90** and her husband, Steve, welcomed Kyra Ruth into the family. Jill enjoys being a stay-at-home mom for their first child.

The **Rev. Christopher A.K. Frye '90** and his wife, Heidi, welcomed son Gabriel Anthony into their family on January 13, 2002. Gabriel hopes to be in LVC's class of 2024, while his sister, Isabelle, plans on being in LVC's 2021 graduating class.

Laura Judd Gingrich '90 and her husband, **Shawn M. Gingrich '90, '91**, welcomed third child Christian Thomas into their family on June 14, 2002.

On December 10, 2001, **Laura Baird Henczel '90** and her husband, Henry, welcomed daughter Hannah Ann into their family.

Stefanie Wilds-Keyte '90 and her husband, Steven, welcomed second daughter Olivia Grace into their family on October 29, 2001. Stefanie is the corporate human resource manager for AMETEK, Inc., in Paoli. She is also a lecturer at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Ft. Washington.

William J. Woodward '90 and his wife, **Lesley Laudermlch Woodward '92**, welcomed second daughter Hannah Marie into their family on April 10, 2002. Bill is the rollstock inventory/scheduling clerk for Inland Paperboard and Packaging in Biglerville. Lesley is a vocal music teacher in the Gettysburg Area School District.

Amy M. Castle '91 is a marketing consultant with Castle & Castle LLC, a real estate company in Frederick, Md.

Tammy Knerr Ficca '91 is an English teacher in the Manheim Township School District.

Douglas M. Mancini '91 is the director of customer care for webMethods, a leading provider of integration software, and lives in Leiden, Netherlands.

The wedding ceremony of **Kristin S. McFerrer '91** and Jack M. Hunter II took place on April 13, 2002, in the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro. Kristin is the office manager of HJG Medical Associates in Hopewell, N.J.

On December 15, 2001, **Lynn A. Smith '91** and Adam Tsao were married.

Janeen Swisher Stechman '91 is a middle school teacher in the Cocalico School District in Denver.

On February 12, 2002, **R. Douglas Brown '92** and his wife, Guinevere, welcomed into their family a son, Douglas. Doug Sr. is a systems integration specialist for Northrop Grumman in Baltimore, Md.

Larry W. Fry '92 is a sixth-grade language arts and social studies teacher in Bellefonte Area School District. Larry coaches football and wrestling while he completes his certification in principalship on his way to earning a doctoral degree in education administration.

Jill Hamilton Lutz '92 is a first-grade teacher in the Cocalico School District.

LVC Lays a Strong Foundation for a Career in Medicine

by Susan Muma

Armed with a biochemistry degree from LVC, **Dr. Sherry Scovell '90** spent the last decade building an impressive medical career. Currently she is director of endovascular surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center — one of the three Boston hospitals affiliated with Harvard University. She credits her undergraduate experiences, both academic and social, as an essential foundation for her career in medicine.

Scovell decided to attend LVC for two main reasons, her father **Dr. William M. Scovell**, a cancer researcher and professor at Bowling Green State University, graduated from Lebanon Valley in 1965; and she received a leadership scholarship to the College. As one of the few students from Ohio on campus at the time, Scovell arrived at LVC knowing no one. Today, she fondly recalls friendships and a number of role models among the academic staff. "Lebanon Valley was a fantastic place. The friendships on top of the academic experiences were wonderful. I really benefited from the individual attention from my professors." She credits professors **Dale Erskine, Allan Wolfe, Richard Cornelius** and **Leon Markowicz** for fostering her interest in medicine and leadership.

Scovell graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, served her surgical residency at the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia, and spent two years at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation to hone her skills in endovascular surgery during a vascular surgical fellowship.

An exciting new advancement in vascular surgery, endovascular surgery is performed through two tiny incisions in the groin under epidural anesthesia. Surgeons use X-rays to guide instruments to areas in need of repair. Recovery time for patients opting for endovascular surgery is all but eliminated. Traditional vascular surgery is performed under general anesthesia and recovery takes days, even weeks. Physicians at the Cleveland Clinic are training surgeons in endovascular techniques, and those surgeons, in turn, are creating endovascular programs around the country.

As a second-year resident, Scovell was introduced to endovascular surgery and immediately knew it was a fit. "It is exciting to be part of a new specialty," she says. Dr. Scovell has spent the last few months in Boston training residents and fellows, setting up the program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, seeing patients, and performing rounds.

Unfortunately, all this work has left little time for Scovell to return to her Lebanon Valley roots. "I keep in touch with lots of my friends from LVC, but my work schedule has not permitted me to return to campus," Scovell remarks, "I'd love to get back for homecoming sometime."

Susan Muma is a freelance writer in Gaithersburg, Md.

Holly Hendrix Waddell '92 and her husband, Bill, welcomed son Jacob Aaron into their family on July 5, 2002.

Todd D. Beasley '93 and his wife, Amy, welcomed first child Jack Randolph on March 8, 2002.

Steven E. Carpenter '93 is a district sales manager with RadioShack in Erie.

Justine Hamilton-Ordoña '93 and her husband, Rogelio, welcomed son Jananda into their family on February 11, 2002. From August 1999 thru September 2001, Justine was a member of the Peace Corps in the Philippines.

Lisa Barlet Lasky '93 is a teacher in the Lebanon School District.

On April 14, 2002, **Kenneth L. Lewis Jr. '93** and his wife, Kristina, welcomed son Kenneth Alexander into their family.

Jennifer Y. Lowe '93 is vice president in the corporate lending group of Chevy Chase Bank in Baltimore, Md., *not* an elementary teacher as mistakenly stated in the last edition of *The Valley*.

Jeffrey L. Manning '93 is a sales and use tax consultant for Dryden Advisory Group LLC in King of Prussia.

Tricia M. Mummert '93 is accounting manager for Hospice of North Central Florida in Gainesville.

Capt. Jennifer I. Bower '94 is attending Ohio State University working toward a master's degree in cognitive sciences engineering in preparation for her appointment to West Point, where she will begin teaching in 2004.

Mary Anne Yohe Hinkson '94 is a clinical research scientist for Bristol-Myers Squibb Medical Imaging, Inc., in Billerica, Mass.

Mark A. Layser '94 is materials supervisor for RR Donnelley in Lancaster.

Keith W. Murray M'94 is president and CEO of Help-U-Move Inc. in Jupiter, Fla.

Jill Hulet Sottile '94 is automated services manager for the Hershey Federal Credit Union.

On June 10, 2002, the wedding ceremony of **Crystal B. Crownover '95** and Joseph M. Doyle took place at the Zachary Taylor Historic Site in Key West, Fla. Crystal is a treatment specialist II for the Dauphin County Prison in Harrisburg.

Thomas C. Feltman '95 and Amy Marie Berrier were married on December 22, 2001. Tom is an elementary teacher in the Juniata County School District.

On April 2, 2001, **Susan Leonard McClain '92** and her husband, **Thomas J. McClain '92, M'94**, welcomed son Garrett James into their family.

Lori A. Nyce '92 is a reference librarian at the East Shore Area Library, the main library of the Dauphin County Library System.

The wedding ceremony of **Molly J. Rasmussen '92** and Michael Bowden took place on November 17, 2001, in Dahlgonega,

Ga. Molly is a French teacher at Loganville Middle School in Georgia.

Keith K. Schleicher '92 and his wife, Robbi, welcomed daughter Madeline Grace into their family on June 18, 2002. Keith is manager of operations analysis at Capital One in Glen Allen, Va.

David M. Sullivan '92 is deputy director for the State of Delaware's Division of Revenue in Wilmington.

Alumni Weekend

June 13, 14 and 15, 2003

Celebrate reunions and a
tradition of music



Do you have a class reunion coming up?

The choir and band will be performing *Celebrations, Op. 103* for Chorus and Wind Ensemble (1966), text from Walt Whitman, by Philadelphia-born composer **Vincent Persichetti** (1915-1987). Each group will also perform two or three additional pieces.

Are there College friends you would like to see?

A registration fee will be charged for the weekend to cover the costs of music, postage, etc. Members of concert choir and symphonic band will be responsible for concert dress (white shirts or blouses/dark pants or skirt). Participants should plan to attend all rehearsals for their particular group.

Were you involved in music during your time at the Valley?

Did you sing in the choir, play in the band or attend a concert or two?

The alumni office has records of those alumni who were music majors and minors (education, recording technology, performance sacred), but our records on those who participated in performing groups and ensembles are not complete. Please call the Alumni Office at 1-800-ALUMLVC or 717-867-6320 or e-mail Deborah Wescott '95 (dwescott@lvc.edu) to add your name to our music mailing list. You will receive information about the weekend beginning in January. Music will be mailed to all participants six to eight weeks prior to the events. The complete schedule for Alumni Weekend can be found on the LVC web site at www.lvc.edu/alumni.

Mark your calendars now for LVC's Alumni Weekend 2003.

We will celebrate reunions and the fine tradition of music at the College.

All music alumni (you do not have to be in a reunion class to attend) will be invited to rehearse and perform in one of three groups: concert choir, symphonic band or jazz band.



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On May 1, 2002, **Kent E. Heberlig '95** and his wife, Jasmine, welcomed first child Parker Ellsworth into their family.

Lisa Hollowbush Litzenberger '95 is pursuing certification in elementary education at Alvernia College in Reading.

Gregory P. Lieberman '95 is a branch manager for Citifinancial Services Inc. in Camp Hill.

The wedding ceremony of **Scott A. Mongo '95** and Diana Duda took place at St. Casimir's Church in Riverside, N.J., on May 19, 2001. Scott is a teacher for the Delran Board of Education in New Jersey.

Andrew L. Sensenig '95 is a teacher at Garden Spot High School in New Holland.

Angie L. Shuler '95 recently started Bead It Up, a beaded jewelry business, out of her home in Smoketown.

Claudia Wehbe Spiers '95 is a recruiter for the United States Army in Metairie, La.

Julia Alandar Albright '96 is a third-grade teacher in the Central Dauphin School District in Harrisburg.

In May 2002, **Melissa Howard Jimeno '96** received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Maryland-College Park. Melissa is a consultant with Mercer Human Resource Consulting in Baltimore.

A.J.M. Johnston '96 received an associate's degree of applied science in band instrument repair from Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City. He is a musical instrument repair technician at Menchey's Music Service in Hanover.

In August 2001, **Richard Juarbe '96** received a master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University. Richard is master sergeant in charge of aviation operations at the Eastern Army Aviation Training Site, Fort Indiantown Gap.

William E. Kesil '96 is clinical data coordinator for Hoffman-LaRoche Inc. in Nutley, N.J.

Kimberly L. Kettering '96 is a public relations assistant for Luthercare in Lititz.

Kelly Fisher McKinney '96 and her husband, Stephen, welcomed second child Rachel Kathryn into their family on February 28, 2002. Kelly is taking a break from her journalism career to care for Rachel and Rachel's brother, Sean.

Lawrence W. Moore '96 teaches music theory at Miami-Dade Community College while he works toward a master's degree in media writing and production at the University of Miami in Florida.

Wally R. Popejoy '96, M'01 and his wife, **Audra Palopoli Popejoy '98**, welcomed first child Hannah Elizabeth on April 24, 2002.

Heather Williard Reed '96 is a marketing associate with Sysco Food Services of Central Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

Benjamin K. Ruby '96 is assistant principal at Northeastern Middle School in Manchester.

On July 27, 2002, the wedding ceremony of **Jeffrey L. Sanno '96** and **Erin N. Schmid '98** took place in LVC's Miller Chapel. Jeff is a middle school math teacher and head baseball coach at West Perry School District in Elliptsburg. Erin is an admission counselor at LVC.

Jason J. Schibinger '96 is an attorney with the Buzgon Davis Law Offices in Lebanon.

Anne V. Seals '96 is an outpatient therapist for Pennsylvania Counseling Services. Anne recently received her master's degree in social work from Temple University.

Amy B. Shollenberger '96 is grant coordinator for Johnson State College in Vermont.

The wedding ceremony of **Dr. Trent S. Snider '96** and Katharine A. John took place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster on June 5, 2002. Trent is an assistant professor of chemistry at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

President of her own company, Journeys Inc., **Susan A. Spahr '96** is president of the Lebanon Valley Sertoma Club, vice president of the Lebanon Rescue Mission Board and a consistory member at St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Lebanon.

Kimberly Romania Tozzi '96 is a teacher at James I. Gibson Elementary School in Henderson, Nev.

On August 25, 2001, **Jeremiah L. Wright '96** and Sara Wolfe were married at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Pine Grove. Jeremiah is an at-risk coordinator for Philhaven Hospital in the York City School District.

Danielle E. Zimmerman '96 is customer service manager for Farmers & Mechanics Bank in Columbia, Md.

Robert A. Bednarczyk '97 travels between Rochester, N.Y., and Longmont, Colo., performing computerized system validation consulting for the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industries through CimQuest, Inc.

Joseph F. Bilder Jr. '97 is a controller for Eastern Alliance Insurance Group in Lancaster.

Annette Sanders Campbell '97 is senior cost and budget accountant for Capital Blue Cross in Harrisburg.

Heather Moran Campbell '97 welcomed first child Violet Mackenzie on July 7, 2001.

Sharon M. Curtin '97 is a financial services representative for Farmers First Bank in Lancaster.

Jennifer Calabrese Danko '97 is web site coordinator/administrator for Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Md.

The wedding ceremony of **Yvonne A. D'Uva '97** and **Josh E. Howard '97** took place in LVC's Miller Chapel on September 1, 2002. Yvonne received a master's degree from the University of California-San Francisco. She is a speech pathologist at Temple University and has a fellowship for a doctoral degree in communication disorders. Josh is a bank examiner with the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission in Blue Bell.

On February 1, 2002, **Holly Landis Ford '97** and **Brock D. Ford '98** welcomed son Avery Lloyd into their family. Holly is a procurement analyst for Alcoa Inc. in Lancaster.

Bradley S. Harris '97 is a senior EM technician at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Scott E. Henck '97 is a senior actuary with Caliber One in Yardley.

Nathan A. Hillegas '97 and his wife, Amy, welcomed daughter Grace into their family on April 19, 2002. Nathan is a sergeant in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Meade, Md.

Fulton Bank of Lancaster promoted **William T. Kepler M'97** to vice president of commercial development, relationship manager and team leader in the business financial services center.

Jason B. Kopp '97 is a computer support analyst at York College of Pennsylvania. His wife, **Jennifer Byers Kopp '97**, is a legal secretary at Laucks & Laucks LLP in Red Lion.

Sharon Possessky Krock '97 is senior staff scientist for Schnabel Engineering Associates, Inc., in West Chester.

Shelly M. Levan '97 is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration in Lebanon.

Natalie Hope McDonald '97 is senior editor at *E-Gear* magazine in Philadelphia. She also writes for *eDesign*, a New York City-based magazine.

Thomas C. McCarty M'97 is director of sales and marketing for Kunzler & Co. Inc. in Lancaster.

Tina Marie Teichman Shaup '97 is an intensive case manager for Schuylkill County Mental Health/Mental Retardation in Pottsville.

In July 2002, **Corrina Doerge Smith '97** and her husband, Thomas, moved to Berlin, Germany, for two years where they will teach at the John F. Kennedy School. Corrina teaches elementary band and general music.

Holly Stevens Waser '97 is senior technical specialist for Bio Whittaker in Walkersville, Md.

Staci Kowalczyk Wisniewski '97 is a fifth-grade teacher in the Annville-Cleona School District.

In June 2001, **Melissa J. Adam '98** and **Brian S. Crotty '00** were married in Reading. Melissa is a chorus teacher at Exeter Township Junior High School in Reading and Brian is an assistant buyer for Boscov's.

The wedding ceremony of **Michael J. Barnes '98** and Karen DePaoli took place on April 20, 2002, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wallingford, Conn.

Keith K. Bender '98 is an information analyst for Electronic Data Systems in Camp Hill.

Danielle L. Boileau '98 is coordinator of student development for Valencia Community College in Winter Park, Fla.

On July 7, 2001, the wedding ceremony of **Brian D. Burke '98** and **Lauren M. Corbett '99** took place at St. Andrew's Church in Westwood, N.J. **Sarah Broadhurst Farrell '99** and **Mary-Allyson Corbett '04** were bridesmaids. Brian is a history teacher and football coach in the Ridgefield School District, and Lauren is an elementary science teacher in the New Milford School District.

Robin L. Capriotti '98 is a promotional analyst for Giant Food Corporation in Carlisle.

Melissa L. Redding '98 and **Steven L. McElroy '98** were married recently in Williamsport, Md. Melissa is a family support worker with the Washington County Health Department and Steven is a business analyst at AB&C Group in Charlestown, W.Va.

After my first year at LVC, the same year my sister died, I found myself grappling with (the transition years of college). Dante was right; the forest was dark and no path seemed to present itself as I had always imagined it would. Though I slowly realized I would not be magically removed from my surroundings, I began to hack my way out. LVC lent me a 10-foot sickle in the form of a semester in Perugia, Italy.

I landed in Rome not knowing a single person, and not speaking a sentence of Italian. I was the obvious non-Italian in a country where being part of the family means everything. Horror stories of tourists being conned and pick-pocketed by slick Italians swept through my thoughts. But I decided my only choice was to keep an open mind — and an extra eye on my money clip.

I began to adjust very quickly to *la dolce vita*. As my language skills increased so did the respect I received from the Italians. I remembered that stores close on Sundays — every Sunday — and that you don't mess with pasta, pizza or vino. And beyond hours spent shopping and enjoying Italian cuisine, I began to develop a broader perspective of the world and my place in it. Friends from Germany, France, Japan and Italy joined my circle, and each had stories and recommendations to share. I spent many afternoons lounging in the piazza wondering about what a different person I was becoming.

Back in beautiful America less than a month, I had my answer. Fresh, new relationships grew all around me as I shared my stories and knowledge of Italy. Suddenly

I was an expert on Italian art, cuisine and geography. I ate lunch at pizza joints just to talk to the owners. I never felt better. And, before I had time to unpack my suitcase, I decided that more LVC students needed to have this experience.

A Road Unraveled

by Ryan Derfler '03

An excerpt from perhaps one of the most famous pieces of Italian literature, Dante's Inferno, reads:

**In the middle of our life's journey
I found myself in a dark wood,
Out of which the straight way was lost.**

Naturally, as a philosophy major, I began to ask why a majority of students were not signing up to go abroad. Second, as a business major, I started to develop a marketing plan. Very soon my quest to turn LVC global grew into a long-term, personal project.

As I take further steps toward my goals, new ideas and excitement follow. I constantly meet wonderful people and truly learn something new every day. I look forward to a time when I can enjoy listening to the memories of other students who went abroad because of my work. And more than anything, I see very clearly a path that I will be following for a long time. So Dante, I offer you this addition to your passage: "When lost in the forest, take a chance on a new forest."

Ryan Derfler '03 is a philosophy and business major with a minor in art. He spent the spring 2002 semester in Perugia, Italy. Derfler has written for La Vie Collegienne and is a former varsity athlete who plans to study abroad again. If you want to share your thoughts with Derfler, you can contact him at ryanderfler@hotmail.com.



Derfler relaxing with some of his new Italian friends on a hand-painted bench in Capri. The young woman, Jenni Steinberg, was studying with him at Umbria Institute in Perugia.

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Jimmy Ramirez '02 receives his degree during May graduation ceremonies. Ramirez is now working with the Energy Intelligence Group, Inc. with George King '68. King has provided internships and job opportunities for several LVC students and graduates.

Tara K. Mehalick O'Neil '98 is a teacher for the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading.

Meyer Packaging of Palmyra promoted **Alexander T. Meyer '98** to chief operating officer.

Melanie L. Osborn '98 is a computer programmer for NOVA Direct Marketing Services, Inc., in Lancaster.

After graduating in May 2002 from Temple University School of Law, **Beth A. Paul '98** accepted a position as an associate in the business and finance department of Reed Smith LLP in Philadelphia.

Melissa-Ann M. Pero '98 is an English teacher at Bermudian Springs High School in York Springs.

Tracey A. Ross '98 received a master's degree in training and development from the Pennsylvania State University in 2001. She is a staff development instructor/surgical services for Lancaster General Hospital.

Joshua M. Schucker '98 is an environmental chemist at American Westech Inc. in Harrisburg.

Kiersten A. Shumate '98 is a third-grade teacher in the Gastonia County School District in North Carolina.

Chemistry teacher **Anthony J. Thoman '98** achieved tenure at the Cumberland Valley School District in Mechanicsburg.

Wendy A. Warner '98, an occupational therapist in Brick, N.J., received a master's degree from Thomas Jefferson University.

The wedding ceremony of **Amy M. Witmeyer '98** and Keith A. Stoltzfus took place on March 9, 2002, at Salem United Methodist Church in Manheim. Amy is a third-grade teacher at Lancaster Country Day School.

Jamie L. Cascarino '99 is a third-grade teacher in the Warwick School District in Lititz.

Carrie A. Champ '99 is a school psychologist in the Northern Lebanon School District in Fredericksburg.

On September 23, 2001, **Beth A. Curley '99** and **G. Scott Myers '99** were married in the United Methodist Church of Gales Ferry. Beth is an internal marketing consultant at Lincoln Financial Distributors in Philadelphia. Scott is a staff accountant at Rosenbluth, Corsanico and Matz in Norristown.

On February 22, 2002, **Jared P. Fleegal '99** and his wife, Sarah, welcomed second son Logan Patrick into their family.

Gregory A. Hamm '99 and Mary S. Buckley were married recently at Zion's Blue Mountain United Church of Christ in Upper Bern Township.

On May 18, 2002, the wedding ceremony of **Matthew J. Hans '99** and **Lori B. Sweigert '00** took place in Baltimore, Md. Matt is attending culinary school and Lori is an accountant with Ernst & Young in Baltimore.

Keri Lacy Harrison '99 is a Spanish teacher in the Southern Tioga School District in Blossburg.

Alicia M. Harvath '99 is a fiscal accountant with the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council in Harrisburg.

Heather Bair Kuffa '99 is a sixth-grade teacher in the Susquenita School District in Duncannon.

On April 3, 2002, **Jerome A. Lang '99** and his wife, **Melanie Good Lang '99**, welcomed

first child Sarah Elizabeth into their family. Jerome is a web developer for Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Tara L. Leo '99 and Caleb A. Auchey were married on May 26, 2002, at the Peace Church in Camp Hill.

The wedding ceremony of **J. Lee Madden Jr. '99** and **Brandie L. May '01** took place on February 2, 2002, in LVC's Miller Chapel. LVC Chaplain **D. Darrell Woomer** officiated, and **Matt Denbleyker '99** and **Amy M. Patricelli '01** were attendants.

The wedding ceremony of **Megan J. Miller '99** and **Christopher J. Pugh '99** took place on June 8, 2002, in LVC's Miller Chapel. Megan is a fifth-grade language arts teacher in the Pine Grove Area School District. Christopher is a student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

On June 15, 2002, **Andrew J. Panko III '99** and Eryn A. Smith were married in St. Ann's Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg. Andy is a professional basketball player.

Kristin L. Rager '99 is a school psychologist with the Shamokin Area School District in Coal Township.

Lisa M. Speck '99 is an intensive mental health case manager with Keystone Human Services in Harrisburg.

Michele L. Weber '99 and Scott Kerper were married on July 13, 2002.

Mark W. Wells '99 is a family crisis therapist in the Division of Family Services for the State of Delaware in Newark.

Eric B. White '99 is consumer communications specialist/webmaster for Redner's Markets, Inc. in Reading.

Michelle J. Zearing '99 attends Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

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Jessica L. Boyer '00 is a biology teacher in the Ephrata Area School District.

Lisa A. Crnkovich '00 is a fifth-grade teacher at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Lancaster.

Aubrey L. Danilowicz '00 is a child development specialist at the Bradley Center in Pittsburgh.

Laura A. DeGraff '00 is a strategic planning manager for Strativa Marketing in Malvern.

After completing her master's degree in music education from Temple University, **Heather M. Gateau '00** began teaching middle school music in Frederick, Md.

Amanda Seker Johns '00 is a benefits representative with Rite Aid Corporation in Harrisburg.

Mary A. Kunkle '00 is a data conversion programmer/analyst for Datatel Inc. in Fairfax, Va.

On July 20, 2002, the wedding ceremony of **David A. Light '00** and **Melissa A. Schneider '02** took place at Rocherty United Methodist Church in Lebanon. David is a technical specialist with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 in East Petersburg. Melissa is a personnel officer for the county of Lebanon.

Sherri L. Popejoy '00 is a program assistant for Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit in Harrisburg.

Jason E. Potten '00 and Conni L. Augustine were married August 10, 2002, in Rochester, N.Y.

Meghan E. Ritzman '00 is a fifth-grade teacher in the Palmyra Area School District.

Tara A. Ruhl '00 is a county case manager with Lebanon County Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Lindsay A. Shattuck '00 is a middle school band director and assistant high school marching band director in Manalapan, N.J.

Suzanne M. Snare '00 is serving as an AmeriCorps volunteer at Cedar Crest College in Allentown.

Kelly L. Sonon '00 is catering sales manager for the Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza.

Angela J. Van Steenvoort '00 is a high school Spanish teacher in Iowa's Urbandale Community School District.

Kelly R. Cooney '01 is a staff accountant with Boyer & Ritter CPA in Camp Hill.

Parrish J. Fessler '01 is an associate software developer at Datatel Inc. in Fairfax, Va.

On May 18, 2002, the wedding ceremony of **Kathleen E. Geho '01** and **Jason K. Hocker '01** took place in LVC's Miller Chapel. Kathleen is employed by Smithers and Southerly, and Jason is employed by Datatel Inc., both in Fairfax, Va.

The wedding ceremony of **Michelle A. Hartman '01** and Kerry J. Bolton took place on June 1, 2002, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Mount Joy.

Dorene J. Heckman '01 is a music teacher in New Jersey's Hillsborough Township School District.

Sean S. Houseknecht '01 is a science teacher in the Elizabethtown Area School District.

Kimberly D. McKinnon M'01 and Corey A. Cauthen were married recently at Shiloh Church of God in Christ in Harrisburg. Kimberly is a research associate with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency in Harrisburg.

Jennifer L. Scheidt '01 is a research assistant for the section of Medical Genetics at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Stacey A. Stinson '01 is an administrative assistant at the Genetics & IVF Institute in Fairfax, Va.

Becky S. Tice '01 is a learning support teacher for the Schuylkill County Intermediate Unit 29.

Joachim R. Townsend M'01 is contracts policy manager for National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) in Vienna, Va.

On June 15, 2002, the wedding ceremony of **Todd W. Travitz '01** and Kristi L. Bradley took place at East Fairview Church of the Brethren in Manheim. Todd is a high school special education teacher in the Oxford School District.

The Greater Harrisburg Foundation awarded **Natalya Antelava '02** a grant for a two-week graduate-credit course, Women in Development, in Tanzania.

Charlton T. Albright '02 is a civilian budget analyst with the U.S. Navy as part of a two-year promotion and training program.

Cricket Manley Gates '02 is a staff accountant for Trout, Ebersole & Groff in Lancaster.

Dnyanoba "Ken" Kendre M'02 is president and CEO of Fortune 500 Systems Ltd., a leading information technology solutions company in Harrisburg.

Jane E. Smyser '02 is a high school English teacher in the Red Lion Area School District.

Natalie A. Taylor '02 is a recruiting specialist for Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans in Wyomissing.

Stacy Reinhart Young '02 is a staff accountant for Carol A. Schreckengaust, CPA, in Harrisburg.

In Memoriam

Helen Longenecker Tilton '26 died on September 1, 2001, at the age of 98.

Effie LeVan Kostenbauder '31 died June 28, 2001, at the age of 91.

Mr. Richard E. Funk '33 died April 29, 2002, at 93 years of age.

The Rev. Stuart W. Werner '33 died April 8, 2002, at 92 years of age.

Helen Lane Karcher '34 died May 11, 2001, at the age of 88.

Ruth Anna Mark Klitch '34 died March 27, 2002, in Brigantine, Md., at 89 years of age.

The Rev. C. Willard Fetter '35 died July 2, 2002, in Naples, Fla., at the age of 88. Before retiring, he served as senior pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio.

Philip Underwood Jr. '35 died May 28, 2002, in Hershey at the age of 88. Philip was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and received the American Defense Service Medal; the European, African and Middle Eastern Service Medals with one Silver Service Star and one Bronze Star; and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was a retired field representative for the Social Security Administration.

Col. Earl B. Fauber '36 died April 21, 2002, in Summit, N.J., at 86 years of age. He was a lieutenant colonel in the Army during World War II and a retired engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Retired English teacher **Evelyn C. Frick '36** died April 22, 2002.

Sara Light Aungst '37 died April 6, 2002, in Topton at 86 years of age. Before retiring in 1977, she was the director of vocal music at Allen High School in Allentown.

Retired schoolteacher **Jean Ellen McKeag '38** died January 18, 2002, in Falls Church, Va., at the age of 86.

Helen A. Netherwood '38 died March 16, 2002, in Lansdowne at the age of 84.

Retired music teacher **Cecil C. Oyler '38** died April 25, 2002, in Philadelphia at 88 years of age. Cecil taught instrumental music for 35 years and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Louise Stoner Shaffer '38 died January 30, 2002, in Stuart, Fla., at the age of 86. She was the wife of **Dr. C. Boyd Shaffer '38**.

Dr. M. Dale Yocum '40 died April 19, 2002, in Hershey at the age of 84. He practiced medicine in Lebanon for 44 years.

avid traveler, James visited all 50 states, 17 foreign countries and all provinces of Canada during his lifetime. He was the husband of **Mary Jane Kern Smith Parsons '55**.

George A. DeLong '51 died on March 22, 2002, in Lancaster at the age of 79. He was the husband of **Jeanne Stine DeLong '51**. An industrial specialist, he was retired from the U.S. Department of Defense. George was a Navy veteran of World War II stationed aboard the battleship *USS Oklahoma* on December 7, 1941, when it was attacked at Pearl Harbor. He also served on the *USS Helena* during the battle of Guadalcanal, the *USS Crater*, and the *USS Dixie* at the Bikini Atoll atom bomb test.

New Cumberland resident **Gerald G. Shupp '51** died on May 26, 2002, at 74 years of age. He was a retired vice president of Miller's Mutual Insurance Company of Harrisburg and an Army veteran of World War II.

Henry L. Hoffman '52 died February 4, 2002, in York at 71 years of age. He was president of J.C. Hoffman, Inc., building contractors, and a senior master sergeant and trumpeter in the 553rd Air National Guard Band. He was the husband of **Florence Sauder Hoffman '53**, and the father of **Deborah Hoffman Risser '76**.

Vincent P. Lupo '54 died February 21, 2002, on his 70th birthday.

The **Rev. Harry L. Nye '57** died March 9, 2002, in Hanover at the age of 73. He was the assistant pastor of Harvest Time Temple in Hanover and a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

Martha Evans Wargo '62 died February 20, 2002.

Diana Nelson Laul '65 died April 25, 2002, in Lebanon Township, N.J., at 58 years of age. A retired first-grade teacher, Diana taught at the Valley View School for the Lebanon Township Board of Education for 20 years and at Scotch Plains Elementary School in New Jersey for five years.

The **Rev. Maria Lynn Fenty '90** died February 12, 2002, at the age of 33. She was the clinical director at Carver Community Counseling Services in Schenectady, N.Y. An ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Albany, Maria embarked on two missionary journeys to the Sudan, once in 2001 and again in January of 2002.

Editor's Note: Dr. Elizabeth May "Betty" Geffen, professor *emerita* of history, died peacefully in her sleep on September 8 at age 89. Geffen was an integral part of the campus for nearly 45 years and will be further remembered in the spring issue of *The Valley*.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

EDUCATION AT THE VALLEY

For more than 100 years, Lebanon Valley College has prepared some of the finest teachers in the country. In fact, several graduates have been named "Teacher of the Year" by their states and local school districts. Others have distinguished themselves as principals, superintendents and professors at colleges and universities across the country, and as leaders in all areas of the educational arena. Not content to rest on their laurels, LVC's Education Department faculty have outlined an ambitious agenda to strengthen the teacher education program that prepares students for the responsibilities, challenges and rewards of teaching.

The Role of the Great Expectations Campaign

The Education Department faculty, with imperus from the Great Expectations campaign, has identified three areas that will take this outstanding program to the next level.

- **Facilities and Equipment:** Beginning with a handful of students in its early years, the Education Department has grown to over 300 students enrolled in certificate programs in elementary, secondary and special education. There is a need for the department to have its own space to handle increased demand and to model what students can expect to experience in their future school environments.
- **Endowment:** Gifts to the Education Department endowment provide permanent and stable funding for the Valley's education program. These gifts will enable endowed scholarship funds, resources to familiarize students with the most current materials, current technology for integration in all aspects of classroom instruction, and an educational lecture series to bring members of the educational community to campus.
- **Program Initiatives:** To remain at the forefront of teacher education, two new initiatives have been proposed. An Alternative Life Experience Program would provide a certification program for individuals wishing to enter the teaching profession from other career paths. In addition, an enhanced Learning Assessment Program would give student teachers more knowledge to identify and teach students with learning disorders.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS as of October 31, 2002

	Gifts to Date	Campaign Goal
Capital Construction	\$14,637,912	\$25,325,000
Endowment	\$10,600,027	\$12,675,000
Current Operations	\$ 7,813,185	\$12,000,000
*Total Campaign Contributions	\$35,049,684	\$50,000,000

*including gifts to all purposes



Enrollment Growth Continues

This fall, Lebanon Valley College welcomed more students than ever before. There are approximately 1,540 full-time students registered, 17 more than last year, and 44 percent more than were registered 10 years ago. "Continuing the momentum built over the last decade, the College is pleased to announce another record year for enrollment," said **William Brown '79**, dean of admission and financial aid.

Seven of the new first-year students received the President's Award, a full-tuition, merit-based scholarship worth \$20,600, said Brown. One hundred ninety-eight students who were in the top 10 percent of their high school class have been awarded one-half tuition Vickroy Scholarships. Eighty-three first-year students who graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school class were awarded one-third tuition Leadership Awards and 52 students who graduated in the top 30 percent were awarded one-quarter tuition Achievement Awards. There are seven high school valedictorians and eight salutatorians in the incoming class.

Over 80 percent of 2001-2002 students have been awarded one of these scholarships. The 425 first-year students come from 15 states and two countries.

Eighty-five percent of 2001-2002 first-year students are enrolling again this year and 37 transfers are coming to LVC. The College also has 389 students registered part time. There are 105 students in the Master of Business Administration Program and 36 in the Master of Science Education Program.

In addition, 77 students have enrolled in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program and 35 were registered for the new summer-only Master of Music Education Program.



LVC Ranked Among Top Schools Again

Lebanon Valley College has been named one of the nation's "Great Schools at Great Prices" by *U.S. News & World Report* in its annual *America's Best Colleges* issue. Online ratings are available at www.usnews.com. The College



was also ranked in the top tier of colleges and universities in the category of "Best Universities Master's" in the North. This is the second year that Lebanon Valley College has competed — and excelled — in the master's classification.

"I am extremely pleased that the Valley has been recognized once again for its academic excellence, and has been named as a 'best value' as well," said **President G. David Pollick**. "Out of the 1,400 colleges and universities surveyed by *U.S. News & World Report*, only 190 schools in the country were recognized as 'Great Schools at Great Prices,' and many of those that head the list are much larger institutions with huge endowments to help fund their students' educations — including Princeton, Harvard, Stanford and Yale," Dr. Pollick pointed out. "Lebanon Valley continues to offer a high quality education at a price that makes it accessible to many families."

The College ranked 28th in the top tier of institutions in their category. That group was headed by Villanova and included schools that offer master's degrees, but few if any doctorates. Lebanon Valley was in the top 10 in its grouping for "Average Graduation Rate," 12th for "Freshman in the Top 25% of High School Class" and among the top 20 for "Average Freshman Retention Rate," a measure of how many first-year students come back for their second year.

Opening Breakfast Forges Ties to Local Community

Lebanon Valley College continued its tradition of celebrating the new academic year with an opening breakfast, which brings together the College family and highlights the strong

LVC President G. David Pollick (center) chats with students (l. to r.) Tara Krammes '01, Jennifer Wetzel '02, Eric Connelly '01, Kim Umbenhauer '01 and Shauna Berwager '01.

connections the College has to the larger Annville community. At the breakfast, **President G. David Pollick** made three separate financial contributions to Annville Township and the Annville-Cleona School District totaling \$70,150. He also highlighted the College's accomplishments in the last year and challenged the College community to spend the next year exploring ways to help develop students who will be morally prepared to shape a better world, and not merely more effective 'users' of the world they inherit.

The majority of the funds for Lebanon Valley Township, \$50,000, went to The Greater Annville Committee for the College's second installment toward the Annville Streetscape Project in the vicinity of routes 422 and 934. The College has pledged a total of \$250,000 toward the project, which is now being constructed after more than a decade of planning. It is designed to encourage the preservation of Annville's architecture, enhance the township's economic development, and improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. **Keith Kreamer '68**, Annville Township secretary, was at the breakfast to receive that check and also another contribution from LVC for \$8,150, that went to the Annville Board of Commissioners to use at their discretion for township operations. **Dr. Marsha Zehner '73**, superintendent of the Annville-Cleona School District, was given a check for \$12,000 to benefit local school children. For more information on the breakfast including excerpts from Dr. Pollick's speech, visit www.lvc.edu/news-events/news.asp.

LVC Dedicates Three Facilities

Peace Garden: LVC President *Emeritus* John A. Synodinos H'96 and his wife, Glenda, were recognized on October 18 when the College's Peace Garden was dedicated in their honor. The Peace Garden was one of the last major design projects Dr. Synodinos worked on as LVC president. He retired in 1996 after serving eight years, but continues to serve the College both as a trustee and as an adviser to Dr. G. David Pollick, the current president.

In the last five years of the Synodinos presidency, full-time undergraduate enrollment increased 43 percent and Lebanon Valley became recognized as a national trendsetter in merit-based scholarships. "John knew the hard work of students should be rewarded," said trustee Dr. Thomas C. Reinhart '58, H'85 when Synodinos announced his retirement. At the time, most colleges and universities awarded only need-based scholarships. Lebanon Valley College pioneered the return to achievement-based scholarships.

Glenda Synodinos taught fifth grade at Lancaster Country Day School for 12 years and then in 1984 became a business partner with her husband for four years in John A. Synodinos and Associates. When Dr. Synodinos served as president of LVC from 1988 to 1996, Glenda continued to work with him for the College in a variety of roles. For more information on the Synodinos family and their long-time support for LVC, visit www.lvc.edu/news-events/news.asp.

Dellinger Hall: The Dellinger family was honored October 19 when the College's newest residence was named Dellinger Hall in memory of Dr. Woodrow Dellinger '33 and Curvin Dellinger '38, brothers and both longtime trustees and supporters of LVC. Among the family members on hand to cut the ribbon to the three-story building were Dr. Dellinger's widow, Ella, and her son, Woodrow S. "Skip" Dellinger Jr. '62, a distinguished graduate of LVC, and Curvin's widow, Mary, as well as her children, among them Wesley T. Dellinger, '75, a current LVC trustee. At least 11 members of the extended Dellinger family are LVC graduates.

Seventy-two students moved into the newly completed Dellinger Hall at the beginning of the fall semester. Their residence is part of a residential quad comprised of Marquette Hall, completed in 1999, and a

new student social center. The three buildings surround a public plaza that incorporates gardens, a fountain and places for students to socialize. Dellinger Hall has eight suites, each with four single bedrooms surrounding a shared living area and bathroom. There are kitchens on each floor, and snacks are available in the nearby student social center, which was designed with student input. It includes an indoor/outdoor café, study areas, a game room and an apartment for a resident director. For more information on the Dellinger family and their long-time involvement with LVC, visit www.lvc.edu/news-events/news.asp. Pictures of Dellinger Hall can be viewed at www.lvc.edu/progress.

Herbert Field: The Lebanon Valley College soccer field was recognized twice in June: at its formal dedication as Herbert Field on Alumni Weekend and when it was featured as the June cover of *Sportsturf* magazine.

Dr. Rex Herbert '72, a Harrisburg orthopedic surgeon and part owner of the Harrisburg Heat professional soccer team, made a generous gift toward the field in honor of his late parents.

Herbert Field was voted a Field of Excellence in 1999 and last year earned the Sports Turf Managers Association 2001 Soccer Field of the Year Award in the College/University Division (all NCAA Divisions). In the spring of 2000, the U.S. Under-23 Men's Olympic Soccer Team practiced on Herbert Field. Later that year, the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team tuned up their skills at the premier facility as they prepared for the inaugural women's Gold Cup Tournament, which was held at Hersheypark Stadium.

Advancement Office Wins CASE Award

The College won a Seal of Excellence Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in recognition of the College's work on the Great Expectations campaign, the \$50 million fund-raising effort launched in May. The award was given in recognition of the Case Statement Review Sessions program developed by the College's Advancement Office.

The case statement review sessions enabled volunteers, including trustees and friends of the College, to work together to provide non-staff viewpoints as to the best manner to convey the objectives of the

Great Expectations campaign. During these sessions, numerous members of the College community gathered for discussions and to make recommendations concerning printed campaign materials. The exceptional work of these volunteers resulted in the extraordinary printed case statement brochure that was completed and published earlier this year. The Seal of Excellence Award is an international award that is open to the more than 3,000 educational institutions in the United States and abroad that are CASE members. Only five other schools, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Notre Dame, won awards in this category. For more information, visit www.case.org/awards.

Film and Symposium on Middle East Begin Year

In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the hostage crisis at the 1972 Munich Olympics and in keeping with current tensions in the Middle East and terrorism abroad, the Lebanon Valley College Student Programming Board and the Allen Theatre in Annville opened the fall semester with the film *One Day in September*. The film chronicles the Palestinian terrorist attack at the Summer Olympics 30 years ago. After the screening, a symposium featured a 1972 Olympic athlete who trained with one of the Israeli athletes who was killed in Munich, as well as a rabbi and an Islamic spokesperson.

LVC Debuts Online Events Calendar

The new, improved online calendar now includes all cultural, social, academic and athletic events held at the College. This is a full events calendar and the first source for anyone interested in attending a campus event or activity. Alumni and friends can see what is happening on campus by clicking on the calendar link on the LVC home page. Or you can bookmark the calendar at www.lvc.edu/calendars-schedules/calendar.asp.

Middle States Commission Reaffirms LVC's Accreditation

In July, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education formally notified the LVC community that the Commission had "acted to reaffirm the accreditation of Lebanon Valley College and to commend the institution for progress to date." This accreditation is unconditional and good for 10 years. LVC will undertake the next self-study evaluation

in 2011-12 with an interim periodic review report due in June 2007.

"The fact that the College's accreditation was reaffirmed unconditionally by the Commission strongly reflects the efforts of everyone on campus who worked through this critical self-evaluation," noted LVC President **G. David Pollick**. "The collaborative nature of our faculty and administrative team did not go unnoticed by the visiting Middle States team."

Sneak a Peak at Campus Construction

Now you can get a bird's-eye view of what is new on campus without ever leaving your computer. Check out the College's new NetCam at www.lvc.edu/progress/ any time, day or night.

"Guests to our web site can view the construction without getting dirty, and with real-time video, you never miss a second," said **David Shapiro '99** of LVC's information technology services, who helped plan and set up the camera. "The NetCam gives us a chance to share the growth of the College with anyone, anywhere," Shapiro added.

Awards

LVC Trustee Morton Spector H'02 was awarded an honorary doctorate at the College's Commencement. Dr. Spector, known for his tireless volunteer efforts, has been a LVC trustee since 1983 and is currently a trustee *emeritus*. He has served as a board member of over 20 charities in the past 50 years. Spector has served in leadership positions in organizations for the arts, youth, seniors, health care, urban issues, the needy, education and the Jewish community. He is also the treasurer and chair of the board of his family's business, Design House Kitchens and Appliances, LLC, Harrisburg. Over the years, Spector has been recognized by many groups for his volunteer work. His son, **Harry**, graduated in 1979 from the Valley.

Marie Bongiovanni, associate professor and chair of the English Department, was given the Thomas Rhys Vickroy Award for Distinguished Teaching at Commencement. The prestigious honor is bestowed annually to a full-time faculty member. Bongiovanni, who joined the College in 1990, teaches courses in travel writing, environmental liter-



Alyce and Dr. Morton Spector H'02 enjoy a moment at the Kreiderheim reception that was held in their honor following graduation ceremonies.

ature and communications. She is experienced in journalism, public relations and freelance writing. Bongiovanni has published a book and numerous articles and essays in national magazines. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism/advertising from Temple University, a master's degree in liberal arts from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in business administration from Drexel University.

Gene Veno, adjunct instructor in business and economics, won the Nevelyn J. Knisley Award for Inspirational Teaching. The award, presented at Commencement, is presented annually to an adjunct or part-time faculty member. Veno has taught at the College for five years. He has extensive experience in both public and private sector health care administration. Veno teaches courses in business and marketing. He holds a master's degree in public administration from Marywood University, Scranton.

Meredith Ann McGinley '02, a *summa cum laude* graduate in psychology, received the Howard Anthony Neidig Award during Commencement. The award is the highest honor bestowed on a member of the senior class. **Professor Emeritus H. Anthony Neidig '43** established the award in 1994 to recognize a senior from the College who displays academic achievement, makes a signifi-

cant contribution to the College and shows a concern for others. McGinley, a resident of Mahanoy Plane, is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon honor society, and was co-president of the College chapter of Psi Chi, the local branch of the national honor society in psychology. She was an active participant in the Cognitive Studies Laboratory, and she presented her work with other students at the 2001 meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. McGinley also earned the Jean O. Love Award for Outstanding Achievement in Psychology, the Psychology Department's Leadership Award, and is listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Dr. John Synodinos H'96, president *emeritus* of LVC, received a Distinguished Citizen Award in May from the Boy Scouts of America, Pennsylvania Dutch Council. The award was presented in Lancaster in recognition of Synodinos' role in civic and charitable organizations in Lebanon and Lancaster Counties. Dick Vermeil, twice named the National Football League's Coach of the Year, was the guest speaker at the event. In a newspaper interview with the *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*, Synodinos said he was surprised by the honor. "My den mother wouldn't believe this," he quipped. Although Synodinos said he never made it past the Cub Scouts, he has been a very active volunteer for many groups that support education, the arts, museums and historic organizations, business, politics and social causes. "I've gotten a lot of personal satisfaction working with a lot of wonderful people for a lot of wonderful causes," he said.

Honored

Anne M. Berry, vice president for advancement, was selected this past summer to serve a three-year term on the Commission on Philanthropy for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), an organization for 38,000 advancement professionals worldwide. She was one of 24 professionals chosen from a pool of more than 200 to serve on one of CASE's three professional commissions.

CASE works to foster education worldwide by aiding those who work in alumni relations, communications and development. Its Commission on Philanthropy directs research to evaluate both the professional practices and services in development. The

commission ensures that those practices reflect the highest professional standards.

Berry will serve with other advancement professionals chosen from colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada and England. CASE's membership includes more than 3,000 colleges, universities, and independent elementary and secondary schools in the United States, Canada, Mexico and 42 other countries. It is the largest nonprofit education association in terms of institutional membership.

Dr. D. Clark Carmean H'85, dean *emeritus* of admission, celebrated his 98th birthday May 22 with staff, faculty and alumni at Hill Farm Estate, the Annville retirement home where he lives. He and his friends enjoyed cake and ice cream. His long association with the College began in 1933 when he became an instructor of music education and string instruments. He went on to serve as dean of men from 1935 to 1940 and as director of admission from 1949 to 1973.

Sherri Pursel '04 of Dillsburg was selected by the trusteeship committee of the LVC Board of Trustees to be the new student trustee. The other two top candidates for the position were **Cassandra Hoadley '04** of Hop Bottom and **Amy E. Smith '04** of Shamokin. Chair of the Board **Dr. Ross W. Fasick '55** named both Hoadley and Smith to one-year terms as voting members of the advancement committee for the upcoming academic year.

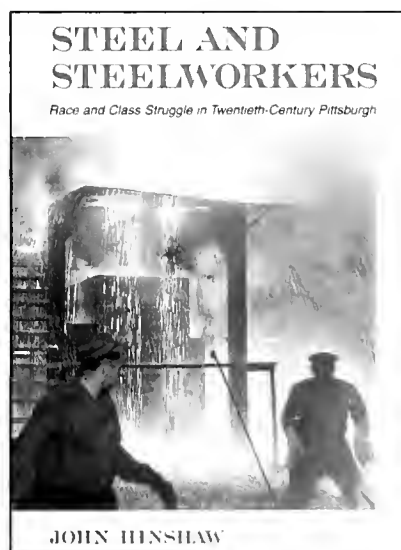
Poet Speaks on Women Writers

Loreina Santos Silva, considered one of the best Puerto Rican poets writing today, presented a lecture in April at the College, titled *Women Writing: A Way to Light*. She has written 15 poetry books and countless articles for literary magazines, anthologies and newspapers. Her works have been translated into English, French and Hindi. She has presented her work in Europe, Central and South America, and Asia in addition to the United States.

Published

Dr. John Hinshaw, assistant professor of history and political science, has written a book on the forces that shaped Pittsburgh, big business and labor during the city's rapid industrialization in the mid-20th century. *Steel and Steelworkers: Race and Class Conflict in Twentieth Century Pittsburgh* also covers Pittsburgh's precipitous deindustrialization toward the end of the 20th century, and the real story behind its reinvention from "hell with the lid off" to America's most livable city. The 320-page book was published this year by the State University of New York Press. Hinshaw appeared on *Pennsylvania Books*, a program on the Pennsylvania Cable Network. The program aired several times last summer.

Dr. Michael G. Long, adjunct instructor in religion and philosophy, has written a book, titled *Against Us, But for Us: Martin Luther King Jr. and the State*, which seeks to explain Martin Luther King Jr.'s understanding of government. The 232-page book, published by Mercer University Press in Macon, Ga., is aimed at academics with interests in African-American studies, theology, political science and Southern history. Lay readers with a deep interest in the thought of Martin Luther King Jr. will also find the book thought provoking.



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Dr. Salvatore S. Cullari, professor and chair of psychology, published an article in the June 2002 issue of the *North American Journal of Psychology*, titled "On Differentiating Major Depression from Chronic Sadness." Cullari also was quoted extensively in the June/July issue of *Women's Health & Fitness Magazine*. He is interviewed about his 1999 study, "Body-Image Perceptions Across Age Groups," which found that nearly all women are dissatisfied with their weight and develop a negative body image.

Cynthia R. Johnston, lecturer in the Chemistry Department, wrote an article on "Air Pollutant Emissions from Power Plants for the summer 2002 issue of the *Journal of Pyrotechnics*.

Dr. Noel Hubler, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, wrote an article, titled "The Role of Aesthetics in Plotinus' Ascent of the Soul," that was published in *Neoplatonism and Western Aesthetics*, edited by Aphrodite Alexandakis. The article draws connections between Plotinus' aesthetics and mysticism.

Dr. Michael Day, professor of physics, published a book review of *The One Culture? A Conversation about Science* by Jay Labinger and Harry Collins in the May 2002 issue of *Physics in Perspective*.

The research of **Dr. Carl Wigal**, professor and chair of chemistry, and eight students was highlighted recently in the latest issue of *Council on Undergraduate Research Quarterly*. The article details the work of 11 undergraduate research groups that have successfully published articles in peer-reviewed journals. The students involved in the work were: **Aaron Aponick '98**, **Ryan Buzdygon '02**, **Aleem Fazal '00**, **Ellen Shughart '02**, **Robert J. Tomko '02**, **Danielle McMaster '02**, **Michael Myers '01** and **William Pitcock Jr. '03**.

Dr. Gary Grieve-Carlson, professor of English and director of general education, reviewed Barry H. Leeds' *The Enduring Vision of Norman Mailer* and Joseph Dewey's *Understanding Richard Powers for Choice*. The monthly journal publishes reviews of current scholarly books and electronic products for librarians and faculty members.

Organ-Choral Lectureship Marks 50 Years

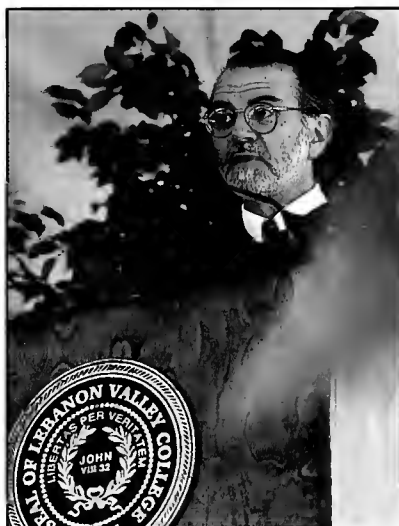
The College's 50th annual Organ-Choral Lectureship in September celebrated the Valley's long tradition of outstanding music. The annual day-long workshop for music educators, organists, choir members, clergy and church music enthusiasts began with a hymn festival led by organist **Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman**, associate professor of music. Each hymn incorporated various instrumental ensembles and soloists from the College. Workshop participants sang along to bring the hymns to life.

Members of the LVC Music Department offered a selection of workshops. **Moorman-Stahlman** shared creative ways to entice a congregation to sing. **Dr. Mark Mecham**, Clark and Edna Carmean Distinguished Professor of Music, discussed how to maximize choral sound. **Jeffrey Snyder**, assistant professor of music and assistant professor of music recording technology, covered technology and copyright law for church musicians, including ways to improve recordings. Workshop participants had the opportunity to experience the computer program *Finale* in the Presser Gillespie Room, a recently dedicated teaching facility. This state-of-the-art multimedia resource room has 17 Yamaha Clavinova MIDI stations. The MIDI's notate music as it is played, creating a written record of the sounds. The day concluded with a reading session of anthems and organ music that incorporates other instruments.

Grant Recipients

Dr. Angel T. Tuninetti, associate professor of Spanish, received a faculty development grant to participate in the Association of Departments of Foreign Languages Summer Seminar East hosted by the University of Maryland, College Park, in June. More than 70 administrators and departmental chairs from colleges and universities around the country attended the sessions on Internationalization: Setting the Campus Agenda.

Tuninetti was also selected to join more than 600 Spanish educators from academic institutions in the United States, Spain and Latin America to participate in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations in Spanish. The AP Reading was in June at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.



Dr. Stephen C. MacDonald, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, addressed the largest graduating class in the history of the College in May 2002.

Corinne Erb '02, a French and music major, was awarded an internship to spend the month of July at the Centre International Culturel Mixte de la Francophonie at La Baule in Brittany, France, with 35 other students of 24 different nationalities. She was selected to represent the United States based on her fluency in French and her musical talent. The theme for the event was Love and Friendship through French Literature and Songs.

Presenters

Dr. Stephen E. Williams, professor of biology and one of the world's leading experts on carnivorous plants, presented a keynote address at The Fourth International Carnivorous Plant Conference in Tokyo, Japan, in June. The three-day conference at the National Science Museum, Shinjuku Campus, attracted scientists and carnivorous plant enthusiasts from all over the world. Williams' address drew on over 30 years of research on the movements of animal-eating plants. His lecture covered how Venus flytraps and sundews, a lesser-known carnivorous plant, are able to capture insects. The emphasis of his talk was on how the Venus flytrap moves so quickly.

As one of the few scientists in the world who has devoted serious study to the sensory responses of plants, Williams has helped to clarify some of the questions surrounding these mysterious carnivores that perplexed

Charles Darwin. Working with colleagues and students at Lebanon Valley, Cornell University, Washington University in St. Louis and elsewhere, Williams has helped answer these questions: How does the plant "know" when to snap shut? What makes it stay shut to "digest" an insect, but know to open again if it doesn't have anything to digest? How are carnivorous plants related to each other and other plants?

He and his co-authors have published numerous articles in major scientific journals, including cover stories in *Science* and the *American Journal of Botany*. The conference in Japan was sponsored by the International Carnivorous Plant Society, Inc., in cooperation with the Insectivorous Plant Society of Tokyo.

Dr. Diane Iglesias, professor of Spanish, presented an in-service workshop to the secondary faculty of Lebanon Catholic School in March. The topic was *Content Area Competencies: Individual Teacher Assessment*. She also gave a presentation to students at Hershey Middle School in March, titled *The Spanish Teen Scene: How to be Totally "Guay."*

Jean-Paul Benowitz, adjunct instructor in history, presented a paper, titled "Jacqueline Kennedy and Lady Bird Johnson: Transition and Turbulence, Setting New Boundaries for the Role of First Lady," at the 32nd Popular Culture and 24th American Culture Association's Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada in March. At the conference, he was appointed area co-chair for biography and popular culture for 2003 and will become area chair in 2004.

Joel Kline '89, assistant professor of business and economics and acting director of the Digital Communications Program, served as a judge for the annual Pennsylvania Cable and Telecommunications Association Image Awards in March. He was on a committee that judged cable programs in the categories of Local Programming and Educational Outreach, and served on the committee recommending the prestigious Yolanda C. Barco award, which was presented to the cable programmer demonstrating significant support of education through the use of cable programming/resources. This year's recipient was Comcast for providing volunteers and a broadband Internet connection to an inner-city Boys Club.

Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery

2002-2003 Exhibitions Schedule



Suspend and Levitate

August 30 – October 13, 2002

Deborah Sigel, *Sequence*, 2002, Egyptian paste and steel, courtesy of the artist



Musical Notes from Honoré Daumier

Prints from the Collection of Egon and Belle Gartenberg

October 25 – December 15, 2002

Honoré Daumier, *Paganini moderne, se brulant le toupet, dans le feu de l'exécution!* (A modern-day Paganini, setting his hair on fire in the heat of a performance!), "Les Musiciens de Paris," (The Musicians of Paris), no. 4; published in *La Caricature*, November 7, 1841, and *Le Charivari*, February 9, 1843, 23.2 x 17.7 cm.



Contemporary African Art

January 10 – February 16, 2003

Amboua, *African Scene #13*, Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, undated from 20th century, acrylic on paper, approx. 14 x 16 in., unframed, courtesy Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art, Ursinus College



Susan Leopold

Tornado Tower and Other Eccentric Spaces, 1992 – 2003

February 28 – April 13, 2003

Susan Leopold, *Tornado*, 1992, mixed media, wooden construction, 19 x 17 x 17 in.



Jerome Hershey

Paintings

May 22 – June 29, 2003

Jerome Hershey, *Rose Variation #6*, 2001, oil on museum board, 20 x 20 in., from the collection of Ellen and Bob Groff

Call 717-867-6445 or visit www.lvc.edu/gallery

Gallery Hours: Thursday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and by appointment

Lebanon Valley College



Ed Marshall '02 receives graduation congratulations from Dr. Ross Fasick '55, chair of the LVC Board of Trustees.

Dr. Noel Hubler, associate professor of religion and philosophy, presented a paper, titled *The Liar Paradox: A Failure of Representation*, at the American Philosophical Association's annual meeting in Seattle.

Dr. Robert Hearson, professor of music, presented a clinic, called *Winds of Change — Building a Wind Ensemble Program in Your School* for music educators at the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference in Philadelphia in April. Topics included the evolution, philosophy, instrumentation, seating, literature, scheduling and programming value of the wind ensemble.

Dr. Scott Walck, assistant professor of physics, gave a talk, titled *Quantum Computers and Quantum Entanglement*, at Muhlenberg College in April.

Dr. Luke Huggins, assistant professor of biology, presented a poster at the 43rd Annual Drosophila Research Conference in San Diego, Calif., in April. The poster was titled "A Dominant Modifier Screen Identifies Without Children (woc) as a Potential New Component of the Dpp Signal Transduction Pathway."

Working Together

Dr. Noel Hubler, associate professor of religion and philosophy, and **Dan Zelesko '03**, presented a paper, titled "Hegel, Nietzsche, and the progress of dialectical philosophy," at a student/faculty research forum at Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland in April. The research grew out of a term paper that Zelesko wrote for a History of Philosophy course in spring 2001.

Dr. Allan Wolfe, professor and chair of biology, and **Dr. Stephen Williams**, professor of biology, attended the 78th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science in April at Pocono Manor, Mount Pocono, along with **Jason Suda '02** and **Abigail Stolzhus '02**. The students created a poster and made a presentation with Williams. Wolfe presented a poster on his research with **Mark A. Kapolka '92**.

Dr. Salvatore Cullari, professor and chair of psychology, had an article accepted for publication in the *North American Journal of Psychology*, titled "Body-image Assessment: A Review and Evaluation of a New Computer-aided Measurement Technique." It was co-authored by **Michelle Vosburgh '01**, **Amber Shotwell '02**, **Julien Inzodda '00** and **Wendi Davenport '00**. This marked Cullari's 50th professional publication, nine of which have been written in collaboration with LVC students and alumni.

Lebanon Valley College hosted the 66th Annual Intercollegiate Student Chemists' Convention in April. Undergraduate researchers from 15 local colleges and universities presented their work. Thirty LVC

chemistry and biochemistry majors, along with the entire chemistry faculty, planned, attended and ran the meeting. The research presentations of 55 students from colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware were judged by faculty, as well as scientists from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Penn State College of Medicine and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Presenting their work were **Tony Huynh '03**, **Ryan Buzdygon '02**, and **William Pitcock '03**, who earned a second-place award for his organic chemistry research. Buzdygon and Pitcock were part of **Carl Wigal's** research group. Huynh worked with **Dr. Donald Dahlberg** in collaboration with Hershey Foods on his project. One highlight of the day was the plenary lecture given by **Dr. Ned Heindel '59**, former national president of the American Chemical Society and professor of chemistry at Lehigh University. Also on hand was Heindel's undergraduate research mentor, **Dr. Tony Neidig '43**, professor emeritus of chemistry.

Dr. Carl Wigal, professor and chair of chemistry, presented a paper in April at the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Orlando, Fla. The paper, titled "Regioselective Alkylations of 1, 4-Quinones with Organocadmium Reagents," was co-authored by **Ryan Buzdygon '02**, **Robert Tomko '02**, **Ellen Schughart '02**, **Danielle McMasters '02** and **William Pitcock '03**. Their efforts were supported by grants from the National Science Foundation and Petroleum Research Fund.

Marie Bongiovanni, associate professor and chair of English, and **Amanda Neely '02**, attended the Fourth Annual Pennsylvania Undergraduate English Majors Conference in April at Slippery Rock University. Neely presented her essay, titled *Whispers*, in the creative nonfiction session.

LVC's 24-member chapter of **Phi Beta Lambda** attended the 31st annual Pennsylvania Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Harrisburg in April. Phi Beta Lambda is the national collegiate level of the Future Business Leaders of America Organization. The Valley chapter is a business co-educational "fraternity" that participates in both social and professional events. Various state chapters of Phi Beta Lambda came together for a weekend of meetings, workshops and academic



Dr. Allan Wolfe and Julia Wolfe attend the Kreiderheim ceremony in which Wolfe was recognized for receiving his outstanding teacher award from the graduating class.

competitions. Other schools in attendance included Temple, Bloomsburg and Penn State universities.

All LVC members who attended the conference placed in the state's top three positions in their respective events, with six first-place finishes and one third-place finish. The team of **John Banks IV '02**, **Patrick Grant '02** and **Nathan Hengst '02**, placed first in strategic management and business decision-making. **Ron Garcia '02** placed first in accounting for professionals. **Robert Perry '02** placed first in marketing. **Jamie Cronin '02** placed first in accounting principles. **Judie Leidy '04** placed third in business principles.

Job Changes

Jessica Bostdorf '99, formerly an admission counselor for LVC, joined the development staff in September as the assistant director of annual giving. She has a degree in English communications, and is currently pursuing her master of business administration degree at the Valley.

Edward Pitingolo, who taught accounting at LVC during the last academic year, was named director of the West Shore Center. Pitingolo will be responsible for recruiting, staffing and developing course offerings at the West Shore Center and other Continuing Education locations in the greater Harrisburg area. Previously, he was president of EDP Systems, Inc., of Harrisburg. He also has served as an adjunct faculty member at Harrisburg Area Community College and a corporate controller for Harman Stove Co. Pitingolo has a bachelor's degree in professional accountancy from Pennsylvania State University and a master of business administration degree from Kutztown University. He is a certified management accountant (CMA) and is certified in financial management (CFM).

Dr. Stacy A. Goodman has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of biology. **Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman** has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of music. **Dr. Angel T. Tuninetti** has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of Spanish. **Dr. Paul A. Heise** and **Dr. Jeanne C. Hey** have been promoted to the rank of professor of economics. **Dr. Dale E. Summers** has been promoted to professor of education. **Dr. Carl T. Wigal** has been promoted to professor of chemistry and is serving as department chair.



Performing Abroad

by Mary Beth Hower

For members of the LVC Symphony Orchestra, performing the works of Mozart and Schubert will never be the same. Led by **Dr. Johannes Dietrich**, the College's orchestra director and assistant professor of music, 38 LVC students had the unique opportunity to spend nearly two weeks in May touring and performing in Europe.

"This is something I've wanted to do for a long time," said Dietrich. "I decided that we would go if we had an orchestra worthy of traveling, one that would represent the school well and do the music well." With the help of Music Celebrations International, a tour management company based in Arizona, the orchestra was able to perform as part of the 2002 American Celebration of Music in Austria and Italy. The tour marked the first international voyage for the lion's share of the students and provided Dietrich with an opportunity to return to Austria, where he spent the 1984-85 academic year studying at the Mozarteum in Salzburg.

The orchestra's itinerary included appearances in Austria at the Karlskirche in Vienna, the Vigaun Kurzentrum in Salzburg and the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, as well as a performance at the Auditorio S. Nicolo in Chioggia, Italy. "Acoustically the venues were very different," explained Dietrich, "from a big, beautiful old church filled with echoes to an outdoor square at the center of Innsbruck. Despite these polar opposites, the orchestra really rose to the occasion each time."

According to Dietrich, the group was very well received, playing to packed houses in Innsbruck and Vienna, and receiving standing ovations everywhere — even in Chioggia, where the turnout was small due to an Italian Communist Party rally held that same evening.

"They were unbelievably professional," Dietrich said of the orchestra members. He added that the tour provided a unique opportunity for students to bond as a group, performing together four times during the two-week trip rather than just the three concerts usually scheduled over the course of an entire academic year. In addition to performing, the students also had ample opportunity to visit museums and historical sites. "Salzburg is the birthplace of Mozart, and Venice is a city that's incredibly important for musicians," Dietrich said. "To see the venues that so much shaped the history of the music we're doing, and to play the music of Mozart and Schubert where these musicians lived and played, was extraordinary."

Mary Beth Hower is a freelance writer from Annville. She was formerly the director of media relations at LVC for over a decade.



Clifford Manana, veteran trade unionist, poses with his children in the back of his house, which is typical of black South African workers.

A Note from South Africa

by Dr. John Hinshaw

Thanks to LVC's support, I spent seven weeks this summer collecting interviews with South African steel workers. I wrote a book titled *Steel and Steelworkers: Race and Class Struggle in Twentieth-Century Pittsburgh* (SUNY, 2002) and I wrote much of it while in South Africa in 1997–98. So it seemed natural to investigate the history of steel and steel workers there. What follows is a shorter version of an e-mail that I sent to the LVC community.

It is winter in Johannesburg, which means nights in the low 40s, and clear days that might reach the high 60s. So if you live in a house with a good heating system, you don't really feel it. You can lunch outside, so by comparison to Pennsylvania, it is not a real hardship.

But people do suffer in the cold, particularly the millions who live in South Africa's numerous "informal settlements." On my drive to Vanderbijlpark, the steel city of Africa, I pass miles of townships, where people at least have electricity and running water, and the informal settlements where people live in shacks. Because it is winter, people burn coal or kerosene to keep warm, and a thick haze of smoke and soot fills the air.

Even in the older townships, such as Sebokeng, where I went to interview workers, most of the roads are unpaved. It is tragic that in the most industrialized region of Africa, black kids still play soccer in the dirt, even though their parents and grandparents have worked for 60 or 70 years to provide the basic industrial materials for whites in South Africa, whose living standards approximate our own. Townships are bleak, dusty, barren places designed by architects of apartheid to crush the spirit and impoverish the imagination.

As social spaces, however, townships are lively places full of "ubuntu." It is a word with no clear translation in English, meaning humanity and compassion combined. This deep well of humanity helps explain why South Africa has made its transition from the most savage colonialism to a society that is trying to build a non-racial and democratic future.

Dr. John Hinshaw is an assistant professor in the LVC History and Political Science Department. He teaches various courses on U.S., African and South African history.

Joëlle L. Stopkie, professor of French, was awarded *emerita* status. **Jennifer Liedtka '92, M'00** has been promoted from associate director to director of financial aid, replacing **Karin Right-Nolan**, who has been promoted to executive assistant to the president.

New Faces

Gayle L. Bolinger has been named an assistant professor of accounting. Bolinger, former director of LVC's West Shore Center in Camp Hill, is a certified public accountant (CPA) and a certified valuation analyst. She serves as a consultant to many area organizations and teaches accounting and management. Bolinger was a lecturer at Dickinson College. She holds a bachelor's degree in French and a master's degree in management from Purdue University.

Dr. Jean-Marc Braem has been named an assistant professor of French. He specializes in 19th-century literature and French cinema, but is also interested in secondary language acquisition, popular French and slang. Braem has written on censorship in French literature and the instructional use of films in French. He graduated from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium and earned a doctorate in romance languages and literatures from Princeton University, where he was also an instructor of French. Braem has served as an assistant professor of French at Tufts University, Mary Washington College and Kutztown University.

Tchet Dorman is the new director of multicultural affairs. He comes to LVC from the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology where he was the coordinator of student support services among other leadership responsibilities. A graduate of Oberlin College, where he majored in government and black studies and received a minor in expository writing, Dorman holds a master's degree from Temple University and is currently a doctoral candidate there in African-American Studies. He has served as an assistant professor at Philadelphia University, where he taught classes on gender, race and social conflict, and at the Community College of Philadelphia. He has extensive experience as a grant writer and has presented numerous speeches and papers.

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While the Valley's on-field success in athletics is impressive and easily measured, it is often difficult to measure the success of LVC student-athletes in the classroom. However, national recognition from peers is one possible barometer. In the past five years, 23 current and former student-athletes have earned Verizon College Division academic honors. These honors, voted upon by college athletic officials regionally and nationally, are the highest academic awards given to **NCAA Division III** athletes.

Student-Athletes

by Jeff Intoccia '02

During this half decade, four LVC athletes earned the national honor and were named Verizon Academic All-Americans. Additionally, 19 LVC athletes were recognized regionally (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware) and were named to their respective Verizon Academic All-District Teams. The four national honorees are pursuing graduate degrees in medicine, law, applied linguistics and physical therapy.

National All-Americans are placed on one of three teams with the First Team denoting the highest level. In the spring of 2002, **Michael "Mic" Bender** became the first LVC student-athlete to be named as a Verizon First Team Academic All-American.

"When I look back, it will stick out because it represented what I've tried to stand for, to be fully dedicated to my academics and to have success on the tennis court," said Bender, who is enrolled in a physical therapy doctoral program.

Josh Shellenberger '99 and **Casey Iezzi '98** set the path for Bender when they were named Verizon Second Team Academic All-Americans in 1999 and 1998 respectively.

"Overall, LVC was an experience that improved my mind through study, body through tennis and maturity through relationships with the people that I met," said Shellenberger, who is in his fourth year as a medical student.

"As a student-athlete at LVC, I felt very lucky to be part of a talented field hockey team and also to have excellent professors, who took an active interest in my academic and professional development," said Iezzi, who is pursuing a doctoral degree in applied linguistics.

Steve Horst '01 rounds out this list of distinction. He was named a Verizon Third Team Academic All-American in 2001.

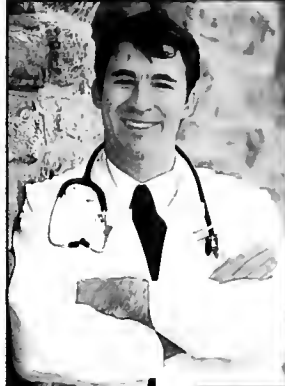
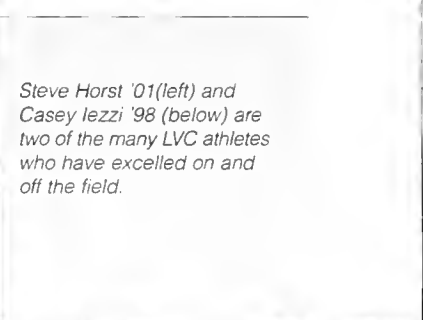
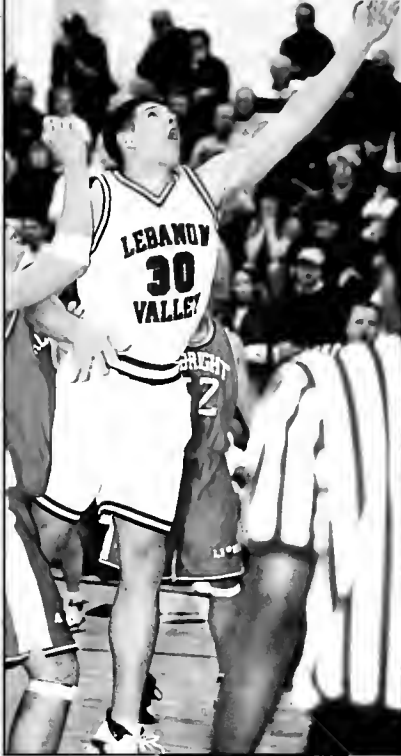
"The honor was just something I wanted to be recognized for, not just as another athlete, but as a well-rounded student-athlete," said Horst, the former LVC basketball star, who is in his second year of law school.

LVC's 19 Verizon Academic All-District Team members represent various athletic teams. Baseball leads the way with four of these honorees. **Shawn Berwager '01** is the only two-sport member of this list (baseball twice and football) and, in 2001-02, **Robyn LaRosa '02** became the first women's soccer player to earn a spot on this team.

"It took a lot of hard work, a lot of dedication, and your heart really had to be in it," said LaRosa, a learning-support teacher for second and third grade in the Lower Dauphin School District.

LVC student-athletes measure up just fine.

Jeff Intoccia '02 is a sports correspondent for the Tri County Record. Intoccia is a former La Vie Collegienne sports writer.



Josh Shellenberger '99 (above), Robyn LaRosa '02 (right) and Mic Bender (below) have continued LVC's tradition of academic and athletic success.



Dear Mother:

A Student's Letters Home

by Natalie Hope McDonald '97

Wednesday, October 8 was no ordinary day in 1941. Usually **Marian Ulmer Carns '45** went to math and hygiene classes. She would eat cold cuts in the cafeteria and study *Odysseus* before falling asleep in South Hall. But this night, the campus staged a murder, a mystery game that involved high drama, unsuspecting freshmen, gunfire and farce.

"I just swallowed it hook, line and sinker," admitted Carns from her home in Phoenixville. Now 79, she explained that for the first two years she attended LVC as a math education major, upperclassmen, in cooperation with Annville residents, set up fake murders that caused panic among naive first-year students who were unaware that the high jinks were fiction. Fortunately, the mysteries staged during Carns' tenure at LVC have been preserved. "I would write a few letters and send them to my mother each week," she explained. Her mother kept the correspondence in spiral books that have since been passed onto Carns' eldest granddaughter, **Nicole Connors '97**.

The two volumes of handwritten letters, now yellowed and fragile, depict daily College life during one of the most turbulent eras in the 20th century. The letters also tell more typical stories of life in Annville, including accounts of lunches with friends at Hot Dog Frank's, writing thesis papers she didn't always enjoy, attending field hockey practice with girlfriends and, of course, the murders.

Connors explained, "When I started my freshman year at LVC, Grammy told me about the murder mystery used to induct the freshmen. The effort they went to just to scare them was impressive."

Connors sister **Sarah '01** agreed: "I think it's amazing that the town and the students could come together like that. It is something that I wish could be reintroduced." But that was before September 11 and, in retrospect, World War II was looming in the distance while LVC students created distractions at home.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1942, Carns described one such murder mystery in a letter home to her mother:

"She and I are to come in and tell about Hans [**Hans Uberseder '43**] being shot. About 9:35, she and I go out on the campus and wait for the shots. While we are waiting, a kid [freshman] from N.H. [North Hall] comes running over for **Miss Henderson** to calm **E.C. Miller** down. She's having a tantrum. After that, a girl from West Hall comes over in a tither. Finally we hear the shots, and run like blazes back to S.H. [South Hall]. We announce that Hans has been shot, and things happen fast. Fi Fi [**Lizette Fisher Knorr '45**] faints and I run up to help carry her down. We go to take her in the room, and I have to kick a chair out of my way, and in so doing I almost scare Punch [**Phyllis Snyder Boyer '46**] to death. We get Fi Fi on the bed and the freshmen are sent out all over town. Finally Hans comes back to say, 'See you tomorrow, freshmen.'"

Once young veterans started returning from the Pacific and Europe, shell-shocked, the play-acting tradition ended. In fact, based on Carns' own correspondence, the climate of the campus changed drastically following the bombing of Pearl Harbor as the College and community began contributing to the war effort.

One letter described male students registering for service after December 7: "They lined up at the post office," she wrote. Still other reminders, like blackouts and rationing continued at LVC through 1944.

Carns said, "In December of 1941, we took a whole bunch of fellows from the College to the train station." They were sent off as new recruits with a band playing and people cheering. "The biggest effect was that we lost a lot of those fellows," she remembered. "There were not many on campus; enrollment dwindled." Looking back, she is surprised that her graduating class had even 100 people — and most of them were women.

But the war efforts were stepped up as more international news reached Annville. On Thursday, February 26, 1942, the sophomore wrote, "Met with Vi [**Viola Snell '42**] and Thelma [**Thelma Kintzel**] concerning the blackout coming next week." She noted that the campus went through drills when each dorm would shut down and students would evacuate. She herself was a campus air-raid warden and Red Cross volunteer who would wrap bandages and stage drills. "At 10:05 we had a dorm blackout... we all got downstairs in less than a minute," she reported Thursday, March 5, 1942.

Connors remembered, "Grammy worked at Hersheypark one summer and talked about chocolate being rationed during the war." While Carns was still a student — the youngest in her family and the first to pursue higher education — she lost two brothers in Italy. Added Connors, "It is not mentioned in the journals — there are just large gaps in time between entries."

Serious notes about the war years are interspersed among the whimsical glimpses of college life. Carns tells her granddaughters that first-year students were subjected to constant ribbing. "The freshmen were given dinks, which were beanies with 'LVC' embroidered on them," she said.

Connors explained, "They had to wear them whenever they were out and about on campus so everyone knew that they were freshmen and they were not to be speaking to anyone of the opposite sex. They also had an early curfew. It is hard to imagine a curfew of 7 p.m."

These days, Carns continues to correspond with 10 of her former South Hall dorm mates. "We have a Round Robin that's still going," she said. "One of us writes a letter and passes it on to the next person. She adds her letter and passes it on." Eventually, there is a letter from each alumna circulating among the others. "When it gets back to you," she added, "you take out the old letter and write a new one."

A few of her friends have passed away Carns said. Others tend to ailing husbands or have relocated, making their reunions more difficult to attend. But in February of 1942, Carns summed up her experiences as a student in a letter to her mother from Main Street, "I had a wonderful time. And I danced practically every dance."

Natalie Hope McDonald '97 is senior editor of E-Gear magazine, a newsstand publication based in Philadelphia. She is a former editor of La Vie Collegienne.

Michael Downey M'01 begins his fourth season as an assistant football coach and his first as a full-time assistant coach. He will serve as the special teams coordinator as well as the offensive line coach. He was the captain of the football team at Lycoming College and was a two-time Division III All-American. While at Lycoming, Downey played in the NCAA Division III quarter-finals and semi-finals. He was a First-Team All-MAC selection from 1993-1996 and was the team's Co-MVP in 1995. Downey earned his bachelor's degree at Lycoming and his master's degree in business administration at Lebanon Valley. He also served as the assistant to the executive director of the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation from 1999-2002.

Dr. Tia Malkin-Fontecchio has joined the History and Political Science Department as an assistant professor. Her concentration is in 19th- and 20th-century Latin America, especially Brazil, Mexico and Chile. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with degrees in both Latin-American Studies and Spanish/Portuguese. As a senior, Malkin-Fontecchio earned the school's top honor in Spanish and Portuguese. She went on to become a teaching assistant at Brown University until she earned her doctoral degree at the school. Malkin-Fontecchio was awarded a Fulbright Grant to conduct dissertation research on popular education in northeast Brazil. She also won several other awards to complete her doctorate that allowed her to travel to Brazil to conduct research in state and local archives, take courses in São Paulo, Brazil, and to study at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.

Dr. Barry Friedman has joined the Psychology Department as an assistant professor. His teaching interests include evolutionary and experimental psychology, as well as the psychology of human mating and sex. Friedman's research focuses on the evolved psychological mechanisms that underlie romantic relationships. He is also interested in the evolution and development of menopause and the psychological changes that accompany it. He is a graduate of the State University of New York's Binghamton University and recently earned his doctoral degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Sharon Horst '01 has been appointed a nurse in the College's Shroyer Health Center. She will work with **Julie Wolfe**, who has been the College nurse for 27 years. Horst is a graduate of the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing and earned a bachelor's degree in health care management from LVC last year.

Dr. Raymond "Tony" Maynard came to LVC from Franklin & Marshall College, where for the last two years he taught economics as a visiting professor. He is serving LVC as an assistant professor of economics and specializes in a range of areas including natural resource economics, international finance and international trade. Maynard has published in the *Journal of Economic Issues*, where he also serves as a referee. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Sussex in England and his doctorate from the University of Tennessee. He won awards for excellence in economics at both universities. Maynard has also taught at Millersville and Bucknell Universities.

Dr. Roger Nelson has been named a professor and chair of the Physical Therapy Program. Nelson served for 11 years as the chair of the physical therapy program at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, from 1990-2001, and he is an experienced physical therapist and educator. His teaching interests include electro diagnosis as well as patient care management, patient satisfaction and outcomes.

Nelson earned his bachelor's degree from New York University, his master's degree from Boston University and his doctoral degree from the University of Iowa. He has taught at numerous institutions including West Virginia University, Stanford University, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland. Nelson is a visiting professor at the University of Health Science in Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Dr. Renee Lapp Norris has joined the Music Department as an assistant professor. She is a music historian who specializes in American music history and 19th-century American music. Norris was a piano major at West Chester University and also earned a master's degree in piano at the University of Maryland. Norris holds a doctorate in musicology, which is the study of the structure of music, from the University of Maryland, where she was named a distinguished teaching assistant.

Michael Pittari has been named assistant professor of art. He is recognized as both an artist and a critic. Pittari will teach courses in drawing and painting, as well as printmaking and concepts in visual arts. After earning a bachelor's degree in drawing from the University of Florida, he received a master's degree in painting from the University of Tennessee. He served as adjunct faculty at The Atlanta College of Art and Georgia State University, and was editor-in-chief of *Art Papers* magazine. Pittari has won awards as an artist and as a magazine editor.

Dr. Jeffrey Ritchie has joined the English Department and Digital Communications Program as an assistant professor. He will teach British literature, as well as courses in technical writing and digital communications. Ritchie has published on British literature and currently serves on the executive committee of the Modern Language Association Scottish literature discussion group. After graduating with a dual major in marketing and English from Indiana University, he went on to earn two masters' degrees, one in English from the University of South Carolina and one in educational media and computers from Arizona State University, where he also received a doctorate in English.

Dr. Jeffrey Robbins has been named an assistant professor of religion and philosophy. His book, *Between Faith and Thought: An Essay on the Ontotheological Condition*, will be published in 2003. Robbins' area of specialization is the continental philosophy of religion; other interests include the problem of evil and contemporary ethical theory. He graduated from Baylor University with a degree in history and went on to earn a master's degree in theology from Texas Christian University and a master's degree in religion from Syracuse University, where he also earned his doctorate in religion. Robbins has served as an adjunct instructor at Syracuse as well as Cayuga Community College and LeMoyne College, and was a lecturer at St. Bonaventure University.

Erin N. Sanno '98 has joined the Admission and Financial Aid Office as a counselor. She graduated from the Valley with a degree in psychology.

Scott Schweigert, a specialist in Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture, has been

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features a film series, lectures, panel discussions and an art exhibition. Throughout the fall semester, colloquium events have examined Africa from a variety of perspectives, including history, art, politics, music and economics. The colloquium will continue in the spring semester. "The College's colloquium seeks to answer a question posed by the African-American poet Countee Cullen: 'What is Africa to me?'" explained **Dr. Gary Grieve-Carlson**, professor of English and chair of the committee that plans colloquium events. "Perhaps no other continent is as loaded, in the Western mind, with ignorance, stereotype and misperception as is Africa," Grieve-Carlson said.

The events began in September with a lecture by keynote speaker Dr. Manthia Diawara, a distinguished professor of film and comparative literature at New York University, where he is also the director of the Institute of African-American Affairs and Africana Studies. Diawara spoke about his book, titled *In Search of Africa*, which the *Washington Post Book World* described in 1999 as "a smart rewarding study by a native-born African attempting to recapture the mystique of a distant past."

The colloquium lectures continued in October with "Race and Democracy in the U.S. and South Africa" by **Dr. John Hinshaw**, assistant professor of history. Then **Dr. Johannes Dietrich**, associate professor of music, gave a ragtime piano performance during which he also lectured on the contribution African music has made to American culture.

The October lectures concluded with "African Practices of Colonial Pennsylvania Blacks" by Donald Scott, a scholar/researcher for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and instructor of English at the Community College of Pennsylvania. His presentation covered archeological evidence, diaries and historical documents indicating that 17th- and 18th-century blacks in Philadelphia retained various aspects of their African heritage, including rituals and customs.

In November, **Dr. Lisa Frank** used videotape to illustrate her talk on "Black Africa in the White Imagination." Dr. Frank holds a doctorate in government from Princeton University and is currently public relations director for the United Electrical Workers Union.

A fall film series at the nearby Allen Theatre included roundtable discussions at the theatre's coffeehouse

named the new director of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery at the College. He will also serve as an assistant professor in the Art Department.

Schweigert came to the Arnold Gallery from the University of Virginia School of Architecture, where he was a visiting assistant professor of art and architectural history. He also held a fellowship at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. In 1999 and 2000 he was awarded grants to complete his dissertation research in Italy, and was a graduate fellow at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., where he presented a series of eight gallery talks based on new interpretations of works in the permanent collection ranging from Old Masters to works of the 20th century.

Schweigert has taught at Shippensburg University and Penn State, where he was also a research assistant while working on his doctorate, which he expects to complete this year. He graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle with a double major in art history and English, and holds a master's degree in art history from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He has presented numerous lectures at conferences and galleries around the country.

Braden Snyder '00 is the Valley's new sports information director. Snyder returns to LVC after completing sports information internships at Towson and Bucknell Universities. An English communications major, he was the sports editor of *La Vie Collegienne* and a sports correspondent at the *Lebanon Daily News*. He was also a four-year member of LVC's cross country and track and field teams.

Dr. Dennis Tulli '69, retired superintendent of the Lebanon School District, has joined the College for a year, serving a special appointment as an assistant professor of education. He is teaching the social science of secondary schools and supervising student-teachers. Tulli has been active in the community as both an educator and a volunteer, serving as chair of the Community Health Council of Lebanon County and on the board of directors for United Way of Lebanon County, the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, the Lebanon Family YMCA and the Lebanon Valley Education Partnership. He serves as treasurer of the Pennsylvania League of Urban Schools. After graduating from the Valley in 1969, Tulli earned a master's of education degree from Shippensburg University and a doctorate in education from Temple University.



following the screenings. The series included both mainstream Hollywood movies such as *Out of Africa* and lesser-known recent feature films created by Africans and not widely seen in the United States.

The series kicked off with *The Gods Must Be Crazy*, a highly original comedy about cultural clashes in rural Botswana, which has been praised as extremely funny and thought provoking, and criticized as racist and violent. It played to rave reviews in this country in the mid-1980s.

The series continued with *Daresalam*, a film created two years ago and the first African feature film to focus on the civil wars on that continent. *Daresalam* explored the nature of an African civil war poisoned by rumor, betrayal and posturing.

Next, *Out of Africa* depicted an epic love story between the unhappy wife of a Kenyan coffee plantation owner and a British adventurer. It captured the beauty of Africa and won seven Academy Awards, including best picture, when it was released in 1985.

On Tip Toe: Gentle Steps to Freedom told the inspiring story of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, which introduced South African choral music to the world. The 2000 movie was a joint venture between filmmakers in the United States and Africa.

Karmen Gai is a reworking of Bizet's opera Carmen in contemporary Senegal. This African movie featured French and Wolof with English subtitles. African music, dance and costumes plunged the viewer into the chaotic urbanity of an African city.

The fall series concluded with Hollywood's 1988 *Gorillas in the Mist*, which told the story of primatologist Dian Fossey, who was transformed by her devotion to a vanishing breed of Rwandan mountain gorillas and her hatred of those who threatened them.

More colloquium events are on tap for the spring semester, including a Contemporary African Art Exhibit at the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery, which will feature many pieces from the collection of **Obai F. Kabia '73**, who came to LVC from Sierra Leone and is now a political affairs officer at the United Nations. Check the LVC web site at www.lvc.edu for more information on this and other colloquium events.

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